Program Objectives
Infectious diseases is a major research focus at UGA. PREP@UGA draws on this remarkable strength to provide an integrated, rigorous one-year research experience.

PREP scholars develop critical thinking skills, technical proficiency in the laboratory, and independence, all necessary attributes for success in top Ph.D. and M.D./Ph.D. graduate programs. PREP@UGA strives to prepare PREP scholars to excel in cutting-edge research to solve the world’s most pressing disease challenges.

When to Apply
The PREP@UGA online application will open November 1, 2017, with a start date of July 1, 2018.

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“Look before you leap! I investigated many PREP programs and then discovered PREP@UGA... I knew right away that it was the best program for me.”
- De’Ashia Lee, PREP@UGA scholar alum
“PREP@UGA is a great opportunity to experience a graduate school environment surrounded by people who are invested in your success.”

- Kiara Miller, PREP@UGA scholar alum

Program Summary

- Intensive, one-year, goal-oriented research experience in a dynamic laboratory conducting original, impactful research
- Dedicated, multi-layered mentorship, including graduate student “research” and faculty mentors
- Individualized development program to foster knowledge and skills required for success in science
- Integration into existing Ph.D. student activities to acclimate scholars to the graduate experience
- Multiple opportunities to attend and present research at scientific meetings
- Interactive guidance in all phases of application to top biomedical graduate programs, including GRE preparation
- Assistance with finding housing, subsidized health insurance and a competitive stipend of $27,200

Why PREP@UGA?

- UGA has one of the strongest and most diverse programs in infectious disease research and training in the U.S.
- Research opportunities span a broad array of departments: Cellular Biology, Ecology, Environmental Health, Genetics, Infectious Diseases, Institute of Bioinformatics, Microbiology, Pharmacy, and Population Health.
- Participating faculty mentors belong to a highly collaborative research community, providing a strong and inclusive training environment that extends beyond the individual scholar’s mentoring committee.
- Scholar/mentor matches consider individual needs and career goals of PREP scholars.
- The program draws on extensive strengths in supporting scientific development for underrepresented minorities and students with disabilities at UGA.
- Athens, Georgia, is a vibrant, culturally rich, diverse and progressive community, ranked by U.S. News & World Report among the top 10 college towns.

Application Requirements

Program eligibility includes:

- Documented membership in a target group (racial/ethnic minority, persons with disabilities, disadvantaged background)
- U.S. citizen, national, or permanent resident
- ≤36 months past baccalaureate graduation
- Declared major or earned baccalaureate degree in a relevant life sciences discipline
- Application describing career goals, research interests and experiences, and motivations
- Unofficial undergraduate transcripts (official transcripts will be requested as needed)
- Three letters of professional/academic reference

We encourage GRE scores if they are available.

“I chose PREP@UGA because it is purely infectious disease-focused versus other programs...it was nice to see so many people studying parasites here.”

- Nikki Meyer, PREP@UGA scholar

University of Wisconsin graduate student, Troy King, and 2016-2017 PREP@UGA scholar.

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