1. How are students chosen for the program?
   Your application is sent to the two Centers that you list as your two choices. The Centers review the applications and send a list of students to the Coordinating Center who then performs the match process until all positions are filled.

2. When will we hear if we matched to the program?
   We try to inform everyone by mid-March.

3. Do I have to participate for two months? I only have 7 weeks off this summer.
   The NIH feels that less than two months would not provide a suitable experience.

4. How much is the stipend and how is it paid?
   It is approximately $1950 per month and is paid according to the regulations of the Center to which a student is matched.

5. Is the stipend negotiable?
   No, it is a set amount for all post graduates and is non-negotiable.

6. Does the program provide for housing for students?
   The program does not pay for housing but the Centers work to help students find affordable housing such as dormitories, sub-leases, etc.

7. Does the program pay for travel from my home school to the Center where I’ll be studying for the summer?
   No

8. What is the travel allowance and how is it paid?
   The travel allowance provides travel from the summer Center to the symposium and is paid according to regulations of the Center to which a student is matched.

9. Will we have a publishable paper after the summer program?
   If you worked on a project and a published paper comes from that project, you will be listed as one of the authors.

10. What will we be doing at the symposium? Do we present to the whole group?
    You will be divided into small groups and will have about five minutes each time to present your poster to that small group. You will hear invited speakers talk about career paths and also have Lunch with Visiting Professors.

11. My medical school starts back the same week of/before the symposium – what can I do?
    Medical school deans are usually very willing to allow a student to miss classes and return to the symposium for the two days.