

What is the STaR Program?

The College of Nursing (CON) and the Pediatric Prevention Research Center (PPRC) in the School of Medicine have been funded from the National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Nursing Research for a new Socio-behavioral Training and Research (STaR) Program. The purpose of the STaR Program is to identify and encourage highly qualified undergraduate students in careers in research. STaR Program participants will work with a mentoring team composed of one mentor from the CON and one from the Pediatric Prevention Research Center, School of Medicine. In addition, the program will offer scientific seminars and topical workshops on issues related to socio-behavioral health research and career development. **The STaR Program is intended to provide undergraduate nursing students with skills and experience to increase their chances of successful application to graduate school and/or employment in a research environment after graduation.**

Trainees will have the opportunity to develop an abstract with his/her mentor to submit to the CON Center for Health Research Day or to the WSU Undergraduate Research Conference. **Trainees will receive a stipend of \$3,000 for the training program. In addition, trainees will be eligible to apply for an additional \$500 if he/she applies and is accepted to participate in the National Conference on Undergraduate Research.**

What are the eligibility criteria?

- Current undergraduate nursing student at WSU;
- Successful completion of 2nd Semester coursework by May 2013;
- Availability to participate in the program **May 6 to July 13 2013.**

What are the application procedures?

- **APPLICATION DIRECTIONS:** Applicants must include the following materials in a **single PDF file:** 1) **Completed General Application Information;** 2) **Current Resume;** 3) **One-page Personal Statement** (see information at the end of this application form); and, 4) **Unofficial Transcript.**
- **APPLICATIONS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2013.** Late applications will not be considered.
- **COMPLETED APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE EMAILED TO: Professor Barbara Pieper at bpieper@wayne.edu**
- **APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THEIR ACCEPTANCE BY FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2013.**

For further information, please contact either **Professor Barbara Pieper** at CON (bpieper@wayne.edu) or **Dr. Linda Kaljee** at the Pediatric Prevention Research Center (lkaljee@med.wayne.edu)