

Introducing the 2022 Summer Research Program Cohort Aging & Neurological Diseases Track



Harsha Bollepalli

Saint Louis University

I am a rising senior at Saint Louis University. I am studying Neuroscience. I am passionate about the many research opportunities in the Neuroscience field. I am an aspiring physician who wants to keep research a close part of my career. In my spare time, I love playing and watch soccer or biking with friends and family.



Miguel Cadiz

Washington University in St. Louis

I am a rising junior at Washington University in St. Louis majoring in Microbiology with a minor in Bioinformatics. I hope to pursue a Master of Public Health after graduating, but for now I keep myself busy with filmmaking and my involvement in the St. Louis community through WashU's Habitat for Humanity and Kiwanis International chapters. I can't wait to get in the lab and start making even more of a contribution!



Kelli Dockery

University of Missouri- St. Louis

I am a biochem/biotech major at the University of Missouri- St. Louis. I grew up in rural Missouri, but I plan to stay in the St. Louis community after graduation. My goal is to work in research and development. I enjoy reading, seeing local art and science exhibits, and spending time in nature. I look forward to gaining hands-on experience at Washington University.

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Aarav Dubey

Washington University in St. Louis

I am a rising sophomore from Santa Rosa, California. At Washington University in St. Louis, I plan on majoring in Biomedical Engineering and with a double minor in Neuroscience. I am fascinated by all the multidisciplinary research in the context of solving modern bio-medical problems. I am a storyteller and love interacting with people who come from different ethnicity and background. I love music and am a fitness enthusiast. In my spare time, I enjoy running, riding a bike, enjoy listening to all kinds of music, and spending time with family and friends.



Jenna Johnston

Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis

I will be entering the Masters of Science in Occupational Therapy program at WashU Med as a 3-2 student Fall 2022. I attended WashU for undergrad as a psychology major with an anthropology minor. I have been passionate about working with the aging population since my first job at a nursing home, where I was an activity aide in the memory care unit. I am hoping to pursue a career in geriatric home health after receiving my masters in OT to help reduce disease burden and to help older adults age in place, even after injuries or diagnoses that change the course of their life.

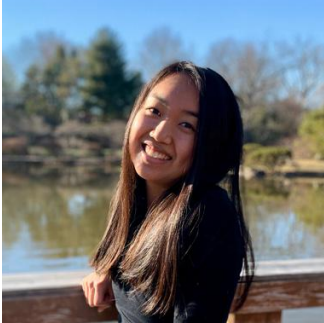


Ella Kinder

University of Missouri- Kansas City

I am a rising fourth-year, from St. Louis, in the six-year medical program at the University of Missouri- Kansas City. I am currently working on a Bachelor of Liberal Arts with a minor in Chemistry while also completing courses for an MD. I enjoy learning from mentors and seeing patients at our school clinic, and I am excited to continue my pursuit of a career in medicine. I have also become very interested in research during my time in college, and I am thrilled to be a part of the Center for Aging's research program this summer. In my free time, I enjoy reading books, playing tennis, traveling, and spending time with my friends and family.

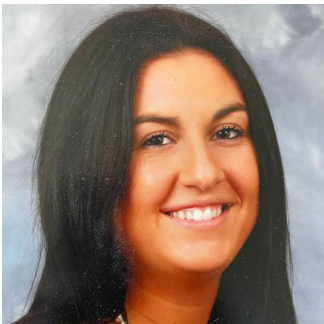
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Isa Lee

Washington University in St. Louis

I am a rising junior at Washington University in St. Louis from San Rafael, California. I am majoring in Biology on the Neuroscience track and double-minoring in Anthropology and American Culture Studies. I first became interested in aging studies and aging research after taking the course titled When I'm 64: Transforming Your Future as a first-year at WashU. Currently, I volunteer weekly at a nursing home in North St. Louis as a member of the WashU chapter of National Alzheimer's Buddies. I also enjoy leading weekly interactive presentations for Pre-K students at Carver Elementary School as a member of MedEd, a community service group which aims to improve health education in local schools. My time working in underserved communities in St. Louis has furthered my interest in pursuing a Master of Public Health degree after graduation. I am passionate about bringing attention to the disparities in the diagnosis and treatment of dementia among minority populations, and I am excited to pair my community involvement with an immersive experience in a laboratory setting. In my free time, I enjoy trying new restaurants, volunteering at a horse rescue farm, and spending quality time with my friends and family.



Grace Lewis

Southeast Missouri University

I am a senior at Southeast Missouri State University, originally from St. Charles, Missouri. Health science is my major. I'm looking forward to participating in this program and learning more about how research is conducted.

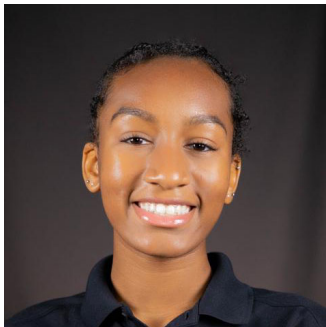
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Laylah Liwaru

University of Missouri- Kansas City

Hello, my name is Laylah Liwaru. I am from Kansas City, MO. I grew up here with 8 siblings: 3 sisters and 5 brothers, and I am now a Junior at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. I am getting my Bachelor's of Science in Biology, with Minors in Chemistry and Spanish. On campus, I function as the Event Coordinator for the Biological Sciences Society, and the President of the Global Languages Club. I also work as a Phlebotomist at a local hospital. In my spare time; I have lots of hobbies, but probably my favorites are: reading, swimming, and crocheting stuffed animals.



Cami Lowery

Harris-Stowe State University

I am currently a junior attending Harris-Stowe State University in my hometown St. Louis, Missouri. I major in Biology with a Pre-Medicine concentration and plan to pursue either a Doctor of Medicine or an MD-Ph.D. post-graduation, specializing in pediatrics. As an undergraduate researcher, I am intrigued by the study of neurological diseases in relation to the behavioral outcomes of said diseases. Apart from my education studies, I partake in my campus's Student Government Association, listening to music, crocheting, and spending time with my family. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to be a part of this program!



Chidinma Nwawueze

Washington University in St. Louis

I am a rising senior at Washington University in St. Louis from the Chicago suburbs, and I'm majoring in Philosophy-Neuroscience-Psychology. I'm very interested in cognitive neuroscience and the interaction between the mind and brain, and how this intersects with mental health. I hope to further this interest in a career in medicine as a physician after graduation. I currently work as a teaching assistant and peer leader in General Chemistry, as well as a student program coordinator for the Deneb STARS program on campus. In my free time, I enjoy playing and listening to music, cooking, and spending time with friends!

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Noah Riley

Drury University

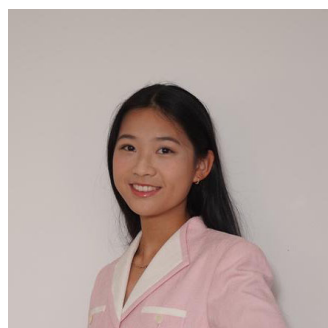
My name is Noah Riley and I am currently a senior at Drury University. I will be graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Clinical and Behavioral Neuroscience with a minor in Community Health. I previously was a member of the baseball team at Drury before deciding to dedicate all of my time to preparing for medical school. I plan on applying to medical school this summer and I am extremely grateful to be able to take part in this program; being able to research in my desired field is exciting!



Noah Worthy

Harris-Stowe State University

I am currently a graduating senior at Harris-Stowe State University in St. Louis. I am majoring in biology & studying the disruption of the circadian rhythm due to light pollution. I am passionate about learning more about the research process, specifically involving ailments that occur in underrepresented communities, specifically women in these communities. I am excited for the opportunity to participate this program!



Lucy Yue

Saint Louis University

I'm a rising sophomore at Saint Louis University in the medical scholar program. I am pursuing a major in health sciences with a minor in music and biology. On campus I'm involved in Acapella, our on-campus food pantry, Medical Honor Society, and Asian American Association. I've been involved in volunteering at various retirement centers since high school, and I'm excited to participate in research that has a great effect on the elderly population. In my free time, I love running/hiking, embroidery, singing, and spending time with family/friends.