MARC U*STAR/U-RISE PROGRAM
Application Deadline: February 14, 2020

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in UMBC’s Training Program for undergraduates pursuing research careers in biomedical research. We first recommend you read this introductory information about the MARC U*STAR/ U-RISE Program at UMBC. If you decide to apply for our next cohort, you will need to complete and submit each of the following four application components by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, February 14th, 2020:

- **Part I, Form Questions.**
  Click link here to begin: https://forms.gle/vq2VxxMkKxm5fo6w8

- **Part II, Written Essay Questions.**
  You must write a response to each of the following four essay questions in a Word document with standard margins, 12pt type, double spaced. Please title each essay response with the full question you are answering. Each answer should be no more than 500 words. Your written responses should be emailed as a single PDF to mcjorgen@umbc.edu, and titled: “Written Essays for (Your Name)”.
  1. Why do you believe that a career in biomedical research is right for you?
  2. How will MARC/U-RISE assist in your development as a future research scientist?
  3. Describe a challenge you faced (personal, group, academic or other) related to diversity and how you approached it.
  4. Statement of Educational Goals and Research Interests: Please write a brief statement describing your educational goals, and the reasons and motivation you have for pursuing these goals.

- **Part III, 2 Letters of Recommendation.**
  These letters should be from a professor in your major and/or a research mentor – someone who can give insight to your potential success in the pursuit of a Ph.D. and biomedical research career. Ask them to include their name, title, department, institution, and contact information, along with your name and a brief description of how they know you. They should describe the characteristics which make you an outstanding candidate for MARC/U-RISE. *Request these letters early, because they also need to be submitted by February 14, 2020.* The letters should be emailed as PDFs to mcjorgen@umbc.edu, and titled: “Recommendation for (Your Name)”.
Part IV, Pertinent Documents.
We need a copy of each of the following documents from you. These documents should be scanned and submitted as a single PDF. Your documents should be emailed to mcjorgen@umbc.edu, and titled: “Documents for (Your Name)”.
1. Your unofficial UMBC transcript (Transfer students should submit your official transcript(s) from all colleges attended),
2. Your current resume or CV.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Dr. Jackie King, jking3@umbc.edu, 410-455-2634. If you have any questions about the application, please contact Mary Carole Jorgensen, mcjorgen@umbc.edu, 410-455-5884. Once all components of your application are received, you will be notified with next steps.

Best of luck preparing your application!

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