



TRIPLL Summer Research Internship

The Translational Research Institute on Pain in Later Life brings together social and behavioral scientists from Cornell University's Ithaca campus with clinical researchers at Weill Cornell Medicine to conduct cutting edge research on later-life pain. TRIPLL offers a virtual eight-week Summer Research Internship (SRI) that provides **undergraduate pre-medical or pre-health students** with an aging-related research experience. The SRI includes mentorship from Cary Reid, MD, PhD, Professor of Geriatric Medicine and Director of TRIPLL and the Office of Geriatric Research; members of Dr. Reid's research team provide direct supervision of the interns.

The 2024 TRIPLL SRI will focus on two areas:

1) Research: Interns will spend approximately 90% of their time working on aging-related clinical research projects such as performing literature reviews, helping staff recruit and interview study participants, assisting with data entry and analysis, and contributing to manuscript writing. In the past, interns have worked on projects with and been mentored by faculty and staff members within our Division as well as our collaborators at Cornell University's Ithaca campus and local NYC community organizations. As projects are often launched during the summer (but not completed), it is strongly encouraged that interns continue to be a part of the project (e.g., participating in virtual team meetings) through the dissemination phase (i.e., writing up the results for publication) after the summer program is completed.

2) Education and Clinical Observation: Interns will spend approximately 10% of their time engaging in experiential and didactic learning opportunities. Within the Division, interns will participate in Geriatrics-related grand rounds and seminars, in addition to supplementary training sessions regarding best practices when reviewing literature and engaging in other research activities. The in-person internship option will provide shadowing experiences of physicians in outpatient and inpatient settings.

Other Internship Activities

Interns participate in project meetings and at the end of the SRI, they will prepare and deliver a final presentation about their summer experience. In addition, interns are required to complete and submit weekly journal entries to supervising staff.

Qualifications

Pre-med (or other health-related discipline) undergraduate; interest in geriatrics and aging

To Apply for the TRIPLL SRI:

Upload resume, cover letter, and 2-3 page writing sample to this: [Application Link](#). In your cover letter, make sure to discuss any past experiences in research and the reasons for your interest in the field of aging and pain in later life. Please choose a writing sample that reflects your overall writing skills; acceptable examples include research paper excerpts, reflection pieces, newspaper articles, etc.

At this time, it has not been decided whether the internship will be virtual part-time (21 hours/week) **OR** in-person full-time (35 hours/week). In either format, the internship will be eight weeks long: Monday, June 3, 2024 through Friday, July 26, 2024. Students are provided with a stipend; for the in-person format, the stipend will be sufficient to cover (shared) housing and basic living expenses. In your application, please state your preference and/or ability to do virtual and/or in-person.

Deadline to submit application materials: January 31, 2024

Background about TRIPLL

The Translational Research Institute on Pain in Later Life (TRIPLL) is an NIH/NIA funded Edward R. Roybal center with a focus on chronic pain. TRIPLL was established in response to the plight of millions of older adults experiencing persistent pain, a costly and frequently disabling disorder in later life. Effective solutions to the problem of later-life pain require translating socio-behavioral and clinical research findings more rapidly into programs, practices, and policies targeting older adults. TRIPLL supports translational research in aging in the NYC area.

Mission

To improve the prevention and management of pain in later life, thereby increasing the health and well-being of older adults. This mission is accomplished by working towards the following goals:

1. Build evidence-based pain prevention, reduction and management practices, treatments and interventions
2. Extend research-based knowledge into diverse communities and disciplines
3. Develop and translate research-based methods, tools and strategies that facilitate successful translation of evidence into practice
4. Develop and maintain an effective infrastructure for conducting translational research on aging and pain in NYC