Biomedical Academic Externship  
M.S. in Biomedical Sciences Program  
Regis College

The Biomedical Academic Externship is one of the course requirements in the yearlong M.S. in Biomedical Sciences (MSBS) program. The externship seeks to have students substantially engage in a real-world biomedical clinical or research environment. Academic knowledge is essential to health and biomedical science practitioners. However, these careers are practiced in real clinical and scientific environments where the academic content is applied to health-relevant problems. The externship seeks to involve students in these settings and give them a more holistic and personal view of the practice of biomedical sciences. Students select an externship placement that complements their individual Master’s Project and enhances their educational and professional profile.

The Biomedical Externship outcomes focus on application, analysis, synthesis, and evaluation. Students will:

- Apply concepts and knowledge learned in graduate-level courses to the externship setting
- Assess and characterize patterns of power, privilege, and human diversity in the externship setting
- Assess and characterize the ethical considerations in evidence in the externship setting
- Decide how the externship experience will relate to their personal and educational goals and objectives
- Compose a well-written and well-constructed poster that clearly and appropriately conveys the content and results of the externship to the Department of Biology and Regis University
- Incorporate the perspective gained from the externship into the final MSBS Project

HOW IT WORKS
Students begin their search for an externship placement during the fall semester. Most of the externship hours will be completed during the spring semester, but many students are eager to begin in the late fall. They are required to complete a minimum of 120 hours, which can take place over 12-20 weeks. The academic portion/hours of the externship must be completed by early April to coincide with deadlines for the student’s Master’s Project. While students are enrolled in the MSBS program, they are covered by the Regis workers’ compensation and general liability policies.

Regis works with primary investigators at the Anschutz Medical Campus and National Jewish Health as well as medical professionals at St. Luke’s Hospital, Children’s Hospital, Denver Health, and private medical and dental clinics in the metro Denver area. We are always happy to work with new partners.

EXPECTATIONS FOR THE SITE SUPERVISOR
Students must identify a supervisor at the externship site who will guide them and provide regular feedback. This supervisor will serve as the point of contact for the student and Regis University. Because the supervisor will know the student well, he or she will fill out a mid-term and final evaluation, both of which will be provided to Regis faculty so they can assess progress toward learning outcomes. These evaluations are part of the student’s grade for the externship course and need to be filled out within one week of our request.

QUESTIONS?
For more information, please contact Melinda Taylor, Director of the Academic Internship Program, at 303-964-5234 or mtaylor004@regis.edu.