Recent or soon-to-be STEM baccalaureate graduates who aspire to enter a highly competitive PhD programs and wish to pursue a research career in the biomedical sciences

Do you want to
- Increase your skills in scientific research, critical thinking, writing, and communication?
- Develop a competitive application for top PhD programs?
- Build a foundation that supports success in graduate school and a biomedical research career?

YES? The NIH funded PBRC PREP at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) is for you!

UIC PBRC PREP Scholars are salaried employees ($28K/year) who
- Engage in intensive year-long research experience with a UIC faculty mentor
- Participate in 8-week Summer Boot Camp (June 7-July 30) including
  - Written and oral communication and scientific analysis exercises
  - Preparation to enter the laboratory environment and advocate for your own success
  - Networking with other UIC biomedical PhD students
- Strengthen their foundation in research methods and critical thinking with selected UIC courses
- Participate in practice interviews, and receive extensive one-on-one advising to prepare competitive applications to top graduate programs
- Receive support from an extensive mentoring network

**Program Eligibility:** (1) U.S. citizens, nationals, or permanent residents; (2) Graduated with a biomedically-related baccalaureate degree from an accredited U.S. college or university within the past three years; (3) Not currently enrolled in a graduate degree program; (4) Belong to a group underrepresented in biomedical research including those from racial and ethnic minorities, those with disabilities, and those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

**Interested?** Please see our website for more details and application: [http://pbrc-prep.uic.edu](http://pbrc-prep.uic.edu)

**Questions?** Please contact us at pbrcprep@uic.edu

**Application Deadline:** Friday, March 12, 2021, 5 p.m. (CDT)

**Program Dates:**
- June 3, 2021
- June 2, 2022