

McLean Mental Health Research Summer Program

The McLean Mental Health Research Summer Program (MMHRSP) is for **undergraduate students interested in *conducting research* in neuroscience, psychology, psychiatry, or other mental health-related fields**. MMHRSP provides access to basic and clinical neuroscience research to students little to no prior research experience. In addition to a hands-on, mentored research experience and scientific networking at McLean Hospital, Harvard Medical School's primary psychiatric teaching hospital, students participate in community engagement activities during the program.

Program Features:

1. In-person 10-week research experience in McLean Hospital laboratory ([McLean Research](#))
 2. Extensive workshops to teach and promote strategies for success in a research career
 3. Participation in community engagement activities and STEM outreach in Massachusetts
 4. \$8,000 stipend per student (***No housing provided***)
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Program Timeline 2026:

- Application opens: **January 1st**
- Application deadline: **February 13th**
- Interviews: **March 23rd – 27th** (tentative)
- Trainee selection announcement: **March 30th**
- Summer program: **June 1st – August 8th**

Eligibility:

- *Currently enrolled in a 2- or 4-year college; Massachusetts resident or attend college in Massachusetts*
 - *At least a Sophomore (4-year college) or a 2nd-year (2-year community college) in Fall 2026*
 - *Demonstrates a strong interest in mental health research*
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Application Materials:

Starting January 1, 2026 access the application here: https://redcap.link/MMHRSP_Application_2026

Please note the online application also requires:

- A 500-word personal statement
- An unofficial transcript
- At least one recommendation form completed by a STEM professor, social science professor, or academic advisor

Questions? Contact us at: mmhrsp@mclean.harvard.edu