



**MBRS RISE Program
2009-20010
Application for Freshman/Sophomore
Application Deadline: October 1, 2009**

Objectives of the MBRS RISE Program

The Minority Biomedical Research Support (MBRS) Research Initiative for Science Enhancement (RISE) Program is funded by the National Institutes of Health - National Institute of General Medical Sciences for the purpose of advancing research training in the biomedical sciences. The Morehouse College MBRS RISE Program is designed to support academic success in the sciences and provide research training for students matriculating at the College.

The Morehouse College MBRS RISE Program is composed of two components: The Freshman/Sophomore Component is designed to enhance academic performance in sciences courses and introduce participants to the philosophy and implementation of research, especially biomedical research. The Junior/Senior Component is designed to provide academic support and preparation for graduate school, as well as intensive research training experiences that include all aspects of the research experience, including hypothesis development, data collection and analysis, preparation of research papers, presentations and publications.

The RISE Program admits new freshman students in the fall of each year.

Program Experiences/Benefits

Freshman/Sophomore Program: During the freshman and sophomore years, participants will engage in a number of activities designed to enhance academic success in capstone courses required for science majors. Students will be exposed to leading biomedical research scientists through a seminar series, will meet regularly with a program coordinator/mentor, will engage in research internships during the summer, and during the sophomore year, will engage in research training experiences with mentors in the Atlanta metropolitan area.

Participants will be paid \$10.00/hour for time engaged in program activities during the academic year.



Eligibility

Applicants must have plans to pursue an advanced degree in a science which will allow pursuit of a research career in the biomedical sciences.

Freshmen students majoring in Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics and Psychology are eligible to enter.

Students must be U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents of the United States.

Application Procedures

The following materials must be submitted by the application deadline in order for your application to be considered:

- The attached, signed application.
- Two letters of recommendation. Letters from science teachers or faculty are strongly encouraged.
- A statement of intent explaining your interest in science, especially biomedical sciences. This statement should include your plans for a career in the biomedical sciences.

Upon receipt of your application materials, you will be contacted to set up an interview.

For more information about the MBRS RISE Program, contact any of the following:

Dr. Jann H. Adams	Program Director
Mrs. Lea Brooks	Assistant Director, Freshman Activity Coordinator
Dr. Jerremey Willis	Freshman/Sophomore Activity Coordinator
Dr. Sinead Younge	Junior/Senior Activity Coordinator

MBRS RISE Office
404-572-3661 (Main number)



18. List high school courses taken in your major and minor, and the grade earned in each course. List all math and/or computer courses taken and the grade earned.

19. Major/Minor Courses:

20. Math/Computer Courses:

21. List any work and/or research experiences you have had:

22. List any extracurricular and/or community activities in which you have participated during your high school years:

23. List any honors, awards and clubs or other organizational affiliations:

24. What do you consider to be your weak academic areas?

25. **Statement of Interest**

Attach a one-page typewritten statement describing your reasons for applying to the MBRS RISE Program. Include a detailed description of your professional interests and plans, any plans for advanced degrees and research you would like to pursue.

26. **Letters of Recommendation**

Give the names of two teachers/professors who have taught you and are writing letters of recommendation to support your application. Letters from science teachers are preferable.

Freshman/Sophomore Component Applicants: Letters should reflect your potential for successful matriculation in the sciences at Morehouse College. Letters should be sent directly from the recommender to the MBRS RISE Program.

Name _____ School _____

Department _____

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By signing below, you are committing that all statements in this application are accurate. **Your signature also provides your permission for representatives of the Morehouse College MBRS RISE Program to access you high school GPA and SAT scores. This information will be used in evaluating your application.**

Signature

Date

Return this form to:

Ms. Lea Brooks, Assistant Director
Morehouse College MBRS RISE Program
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Atlanta, GA 30314