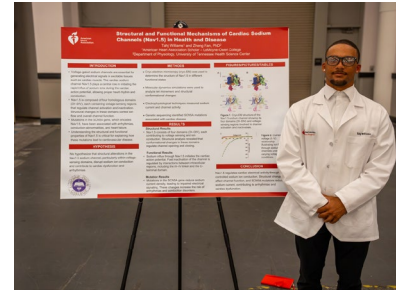
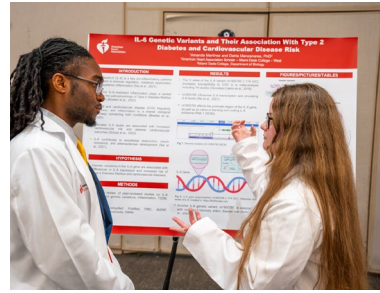


SUPPORTING THE NEXT GENERATION OF HEALTH LEADERS

A DECADE OF IMPACT - AND WE ARE JUST GETTING STARTED!



THE NEXT GENERATION OF LIFE-SAVING DOCTORS STARTS WITH OPPORTUNITY

For more than 10 years, the American Heart Association Scholars Program has been developing future physician-scientists, researchers, and public health leaders through meaningful research experiences and mentorship. We invite faculty researchers and health professionals to join a distinguished network of mentors committed to strengthening the future health care workforce.

WHY BECOME A MENTORSHIP

As an American Heart Association Scholars mentor, you will:

- Inspire and guide high-achieving undergraduate students pursuing careers in medicine, science, research, and public health
- Expand access to hands-on research opportunities for emerging talent
- Contribute to the development of the next generation of health care leaders
- Advance your research with support from a motivated and dedicated student researcher
- Identify and cultivate potential future graduate students, trainees, and research assistants

BY THE NUMBERS

500 +

STUDENTS IMPACTED
SINCE 2015

100%

OF UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARS
ON TRACK TO EARN OR HAVE
EARNED A STEM DEGREE

97%

FELT THE PROGRAM SUFFICIENTLY
PREPARED THEM FOR A CAREER IN A
HEALTH-RELATED FIELD

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The Urgent Need

Students Often Struggle to Access Research:

- Limited information - lack of awareness of available projects, unclear pathways to connect with faculty, and limited program capacity
- Current NIH funding has been dramatically reduced, which limits research, cuts off student access to labs, and destabilizes the entire research ecosystem
- Mentorship Scarcity - Mentors are limited- some universities offer structured programs, and these positions are selective and limited in number

Why Undergraduate Research Matters:

- Drives STEM Success: Increases grades, retention, and graduation rates
- Builds Readiness: Develops research, communication, and problem-solving skills expected by graduate programs
- Strengthens Competitiveness: Makes students stronger, more prepared graduate school applicants

Make a Lasting Impact

Your mentorship can help launch the careers of future physicians, scientists, researchers, and public health leaders while strengthening the workforce that will shape the future of health care.

Interested in becoming a mentor?

Contact us to learn how an American Heart Association scholar can contribute to your current research and how you can help open doors for the next generation of health leaders.

Email: Charlene.Walton@heart.org

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

American Heart Association Scholars are carefully selected undergraduate students who:

- Are sophomores, juniors, or seniors pursuing health-related careers
- Maintain a minimum 3.2 GPA in the sciences
- Demonstrate academic excellence, leadership potential, and a commitment to improving health outcomes
- Represent a strong pipeline of future physicians, scientists, and public health professionals

What Is the Commitment?

- Duration: 16-week academic-year program
- Student Time Commitment: Approximately 8 hours per week
- Format: In-person, virtual, or hybrid
- Research Project: Scholars typically contribute to an existing research project—no need to create a new study

Research opportunities may include cardiovascular science, epidemiology, maternal and fetal health, immunology, bioinformatics, behavioral health, community-based research, and related disciplines.

Additional Scholar Professional Development

In addition to working with faculty mentors, scholars receive:

- Professional development training
- National networking opportunities
- Exposure to American Heart Association scientific meetings
- The opportunity to present their work at the annual American Heart Association Scholars Research Symposium in Atlanta