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Q: How many programs should we apply to?

A: Funded programs are competitive; we would recommend apply as you can. More funded opportunities can be found [here](#) in the Funded opportunities document.

Q: How does our financial aid work if we are at 6 credits for the III over the summer? Can we register for the III in the fall even if we do it over the summer?

A: The 6 credits MEDSCI 501 course in summer is qualified for summer financial aid, but I would suggest to ask the financial aid office [here](#) for more details.

Q: When talking about research opportunities outside and faculty mentors, is a non-faculty mentor physician a possibility? Would that be a 'co-mentor' situation or not possible for III?

A: That would be a co-mentor situation, please reach out to your research advisor at your foundation site for how to connect with a co-mentor!

Q: Is RUOP available in urban underserved communities as well?

A: Yes!! They are more limited and mostly in Spokane/Seattle.

Q: For RUOP, are you able to specify the population you want to work in, for example rural vs urban underserved? Or is this only with the rural population?

A: The application does give you an opportunity to specify if you prefer rural or urban underserved. We also ask about pathway status and do our best to match students according to specific populations (e.g., LGBTQ, LatinX), though we often don't have as many of those sites as there are students who want them.

Q: How should we go about even deciding what to do? I feel like I have no clue how to pick what site, what kind of scholarship, or what would be best! Kind of overwhelmed. Is there a wrong answer to any of it? Does any of it help us out more depending on what we want to go in to?

A: Career advising are a great resource to talk with! Talk to classes above you to hear about their experiences! There are certain specialties that bench research is the better choice.

Q: Are we allowed to do RUOP outside of our home state? i.e., let's say i was Idaho and wanted to do RUOP in rural Washington?

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A: Yes, we ask students to rank their regional preference. There are some limitations (usually only AK students in AK), but we can typically place students outside of their home region.

Q: If you want to do RUOP in a different state than your Foundations site, do you need to have a specific reason, like family in the area, to do that?

A: Not necessarily, though if there is a specific professional reason (i.e., may want to practice there in the future), that will strengthen the case. Western WA is the exception where you have to be able to provide your own housing if that is not your home site.

Q: Can we apply to a different secondary program - or does it have to be RUOP?

A: You can apply to any program that you like for the summer and make a decision by the deadline, typically students apply to GHIP and RUOP, but you can also pursue the other III

Q: What is the cost for GHIP?

A: That depends on your tuition cost at your foundation campus. Financial aid office at your home site are the best ones to answer that!

Q: Is that provided housing for RUOP shared or are you able to bring your family/spouse with if they are able?

A: It varies from site to site. We largely rely on donated housing, so sometimes that can accommodate family/spouse, but not a guarantee. You can specify that on your application.

Q: For GHIP, do you know the date/approximate date for the fall Seattle seminar?

A: Typically, it is a day sometime the week before class starts last week of August or first week of September.

Q: Are the research advisors available to discuss Triple-I research projects only? Or can we reach out to them if we are doing research throughout the school year?

A: Research advisors are available to discuss research opportunities throughout the school year

Q: Is there a chance that you wouldn't get placed in any program?

A: RUOP is not competitive, so we place anyone who wants to do it!

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Q: For Global Health, if UW does not have connection with a country, how would a student go about setting up a connection in order to do global experience in a specific country of interest of the student? if this is even a possibility?

A: We do not encourage students to create a placement. We work with long term partners abroad and you can look at the GHIP website on the Department of Global Health page.

Q: We were talking with some MS2's who did RUOP experiences and then did research in the second half of the summer. Is this all independent or can we work on projects in the III inventory?

A: A small number of students do a hybrid of RUOP/SoD or Sol (i.e., clinical portion of RUOP and the SoD or Sol research). That would need to have special approval.

Q: Does RUOP include different specialties in primary medicine or is it strictly family medicine?

A: It varies! The bulk of preceptors are family medicine providers, but there are some who have additional specialties (like OB).

Q: Does RUOP have an option for staying close to Seattle for people with families?

A: Yes, we do have a limited number of placements within the greater Seattle area and will do our best to take a need to stay close into consideration when finalizing placements.

Q: How difficult would it be to get disability accommodations for GHIP or RUOP?

A: RUOP will ask about accommodations needs on the application and will work with you and the site to meet those!

Q: Is there limited relocation funding (\$2650) for Scholarship of Discovery.

A: The relocation funding is not limited but the amount might varies depending on how many applications we receive.

Q: Are the applications essay heavy?

A: No for RUOP. SoD and Sol will require submission of your research proposal. Information about the SoD and Sol proposal can be found on the Triple I website. SoD proposal: [here](#), Sol proposal: [here](#)

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Q: If we are interested in GHIP, but our second choice is SoD, is it possible to apply to both of those instead of RUOP?

A: Yes

Q: If we are trying to plan a wedding for next year, what is our best bet on a date - the beginning or end of the summer?

A: For RUOP, either would be fine. Just specify on your application when that is, and we can be mindful of that when finalizing placements. For SoD and Sol, please reach out to us at somiii@uw.edu and discuss with your research mentor about adjusting your project timeline.