Initiative on Islam and Medicine
Medical Student Internship Program

OVERVIEW
The II&M Medical Student Internship is a competitive and enrichment program that provides directed learning experiences and stipend support for first and/or fourth-year medical students. Trainees undertake a mentored reading course that introduces the critical concepts in Islamic theology and law that undergird normative ethical frameworks within Islam and covers seminal works in the extant Islamic bioethics literature. In addition, interns are invited to participate in an II&M sponsored bioethics workshop and in ongoing bioethics-relevant studies in progress at II&M such as studies on Muslim physician attitudes towards end-of-life care, discourse analyses of the Muslim perspectives on healthcare reform or fatawa reviews on the permissibility of organ transplant, milk-banking, or other topics.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY
Eligible participants must be full-time, first or fourth year medical students in good standing at a LCME-accredited US medical school. Non-traditional or gap year students still enrolled in medical school are also eligible to apply.

PROGRAM LENGTH
First year medical students are required to spend the equivalent of 8 weeks in residence, while 4th year medical students are required to spend the equivalent of at least 4 weeks in residence, at the University of Chicago. Applicants need to indicate the 4 or 8 week periods they would like to participate in the program on the application form.

MENTORING AND NETWORKING
Participants will be working under the supervision and mentorship of Dr. Aasim Padela. There will also be an opportunity to network with other University of Chicago faculty, research staff, interns, and students.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE/ HOUSING
Participants will receive a stipend of $3500 for 4 weeks or $5000 for 8 weeks to subsidize living costs in Chicago during the duration of the internship. Students are responsible for making their own travel and housing arrangements.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS/ DEADLINES
The application deadline for all participants is March 15, 2016, 11:59pm CST. Participants that pass a preliminary screening will be asked to attend a phone interview. Notification of acceptance into the program will be delivered at the end of May 2016. Please address questions to the following email agiles@medicine.bsd.uchicago.edu

All application materials must be printed and mailed to the below [no emailed applications will be accepted]:

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Application Form

Medical Student Internship Requirements
*Please submit the following form, completed, along with the listed supplementary materials:

1st year students:
1- One letter of recommendation written by a faculty member that addresses academic standing, capacity for research and any prior experience, personal qualities, and skills.
2- Personal Statement
3- CV

4th year students:
1- One letter of recommendation written by a faculty member that addresses academic standing, personal qualities, and skills.
2- One letter of recommendation written by a research advisor/mentor that addresses prior experience, knowledge, and skills in research.
3- Personal Statement
4- CV

Personal Information
Name: ___________________________________ Date of Birth: ____________________

Permanent Address: ________________ City: ____________ State___ Zip Code _______

Phone Number: _____________________ Email Address: __________________________

Currently Enrolled at: _______________________________________________________

Highest Degree: ___________________________________________________________

Proposed Dates of Elective: ________________________________________________

Check One:  [ ] 4 week internship  [ ] 8 week internship

Personal Statement
Please attach a 1-2 page essay (double spaced) addressing the following:
Discuss your interest in Islamic Bioethics, along with any prior experience within the field. Explain what draws you to this research opportunity and describe your expectations for the program.

I certify that the following and enclosed information is true and accurate.

Applicant Signature: _________________________________ Date: _________________