



# ASPIRE & SURE Undergrad Programs

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## Our Summer Programs

Each summer, the Medical College of Wisconsin's Cardiovascular Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin hosts the Advancing Student Potential for Inclusion with Research Experiences (ASPIRE) program, funded by the NHLBI, & Supporting Undergraduate Research Experiences (SURE) program, funded by the American Heart Association. These paid, mentored, 10-week full-time programs offer undergrad students valuable hands-on experience in cardiovascular research & career preparation in STEMM & healthcare fields.



### Housing

We provide housing near campus for non-local participants.



### Stipend

We provide a \$6,000 stipend for the summer.



### Transportation

We provide one roundtrip transportation to/from the program, and travel to/from a scientific conference.

# Our Program Directors



Dr. Ivor Benjamin  
Program Director



Dr. Joy Lincoln  
Program Director



Dr. Malika Siker  
Program Director



## Exciting Opportunities

In addition to gaining **hands-on laboratory experience**, participants can also engage in a variety of social and professional events:

- Engaging **professional development seminars** designed to enhance your career skills
- "MyJourney" Lunches** that provide networking opportunities and insight into different career paths
- Serve the community** with a 1/2-day project at a local food bank
- Showcase your project at a **Research Symposium**
- Observe a cardiologist during a 1/2-day **Clinical Shadowing** experience
- Build relationships** with other undergrads from all over the country
- Take in a **Milwaukee Brewer's game** and a fun night out at a **Game Show** team-building experience
- Attend a **Scientific Conference** (optional) during the year

"Being a SURE Scholar was an experience that changed my life both professionally and personally. I was able to meet wonderful mentors and colleagues and find countless opportunities within the research world. Without a doubt, the most beautiful memories that I will always carry with me."

Maria,  
2022 SURE Scholar

## Program Administrative Team



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Scientific Administrator, Site Director



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