

## Default Question Block

*U-RISE-Application.* This application allows you to save and continue at a later time only if you open the survey in the same browser on the same device and do not clear your cache. We strongly recommend having the following prepared before you start this application.

- Your responses to 4 Short Essay Questions
- GPA
- Description of prior lab experience (if applies) Note that prior lab experience is not required.
- Contact information of a reference who will submit a letter of recommendation on your behalf
- Unofficial transcript

Letters of recommendation should be emailed directly from the letter writer to Dr. Kimberly D'Anna-Hernandez [urise@marquette.edu](mailto:urise@marquette.edu).

Deadline to Apply: Application and unofficial transcript must be submitted by February 19, 2024 to be considered. Please direct any questions via email to the U-RISE Director, Dr. D'Anna-Hernandez, at [urise@marquette.edu](mailto:urise@marquette.edu).

Q1. First and last name

Q2. Preferred pronouns

She, her, hers

They, them, their

He, him, his

Prefer to self describe

Q3. Today's Date

Q4. Please provide an address at which you can be contacted during the Spring Semester regarding your status within the program.

Q5. Phone Number

Q6. Marquette email address

Q7. Are you a citizen of the United States?

Yes

No

Q8. If no, are you a noncitizen national of the United States or have been lawfully admitted for permanent residence (this or citizenship is required to be eligible)?

Yes

No

does not apply

Q9. Ethnicity: How do you identify? (Please select all that apply)?

American Indian or Alaskan Native

Asian

Black or African American

Hispanic or Latino

Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

White

Prefer to self describe

Middle Eastern/North African

Q10. Gender: how do you identify?

Man

Non-binary / Genderqueer/ Gender non-conforming

Woman

Prefer to self-describe

Q11. Do you have a disability which is defined as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities? If so, please tell us a little more and we can, together with Marquette's Office of Disability Services, ensure appropriate accommodations.

Q12. The National Institutes of Health defines the status of “individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds” as those who meet **two or more** of the following criteria:

1. Have/had no parents or legal guardians who completed a bachelor’s degree (eg you identify as a first generation college student)
2. Were eligible for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program for two or more years
3. Were or currently are homeless, as defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
4. Were or currently are eligible for Federal Pell grants
5. Received support from the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women,

Infants and Children (WIC) as a parent or child

6. Grew up in one of the following areas: a) a U.S. rural area, as designated by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Rural Health Grants Eligibility Analyzer (<https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/rural-health>), or b) a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services-designated Low-Income and Health Professional Shortage Areas

2 or more of the above apply to me

1 or none are applicable

Q13. Are you participating in either of the following programs?

Marquette Urban Scholars

Ronald McNair Program

does not apply

Q14. Major/Area of Study

Q15. Currently, the U-RISE program only accepts sophomores. Will Fall 2024 be the start to your final two academic years remaining at the university?

Yes

No

 Other

Q16. Overall GPA

Q17. Please describe any prior laboratory experience (course-related or other). Prior lab experience is not a requirement for eligibility. If none, please indicate n/a.

Q18. Have you identified 1-3 U-RISE research professors from the list below who you would like to work with if you are awarded this fellowship? If not, we will work with you to match you to a mentor.

Arble, Deanna  
Baker, David  
Beardsley, Scott  
Bement, Marie  
Bennett, Brian  
Blackmore, Murray  
Blumenthal, Edward  
Choi, SuJean  
Cooper, Rob  
D'Anna-Hernandez, Kimberly  
Erickson-Bhatt, Sarah  
Evans, Jennifer  
Fitts, Robert  
Fitzgerald, Jacklynn  
Garcia, Gui  
Gasser, Paul  
Ghasemzadeh, M. Behnam  
Gordon, Nakia  
Gilmartin, Marieke  
Greenberg, Adam  
Hearing, Matt  
Hristova, Krassimira  
Hunter, Sandra  
Hyingstrom, Allison  
Kipp, Kristoff  
Kirchhoff, Claire  
Manogaran, Anita  
Marshall, Christopher

Nemanich, Samuel  
Ng, Alexander  
Nielson, Kristy  
Peoples, Robert  
Petrella, Lisa  
Pintar, Frank  
Reiter, Nicholas  
Savtchouk, Iaroslav ('Alex')  
Scheidt, Robert  
Schindler-Ivens, Sheila  
Sontag, Emily  
St. Maurice, Martin  
Streeter, Kristi  
Stuart, Rosemary  
Sundberg, Christopher  
Tefft, Brandon  
Torres, Lucas  
Wheeler, Robert  
Williams, Jordan

Yes

Not yet

Q19. If you know which U-RISE research professor(s) from the previous list who you would like to work with, please indicate your top 3 preferences by writing their names in order of preference below. If you do not yet know, please enter n/a.

Q20. Please list one reference (college professor who has taught you or a MU staff member who has advised you) who will provide a letter of recommendation.

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Name of reference:

Q21. Relationship of reference to applicant

Q22. Email address of reference

Q23. Phone number of reference

Q32. While research experience is central to the U-RISE at MU program, mentorship, community, and professional development are 3 additional elements, designed to meet the goal of U-RISE which is to enhance preparation for entry and success in a Ph.D. degree program of students, especially those who are traditionally underrepresented in biomedical research, to ultimately broaden participation in the biomedical workforce. The following questions address your motivation to pursue research and the value of mentoring, community and professional development to meeting your professional goals.

I acknowledge that I read and understand the above statement.

Q24. Essay Question #1a. Please respond in 1000 characters or less.

Describe your motivation for pursuing a Ph.D. in biomedical research and how earning a Ph.D. will help you achieve your long-term professional goals.

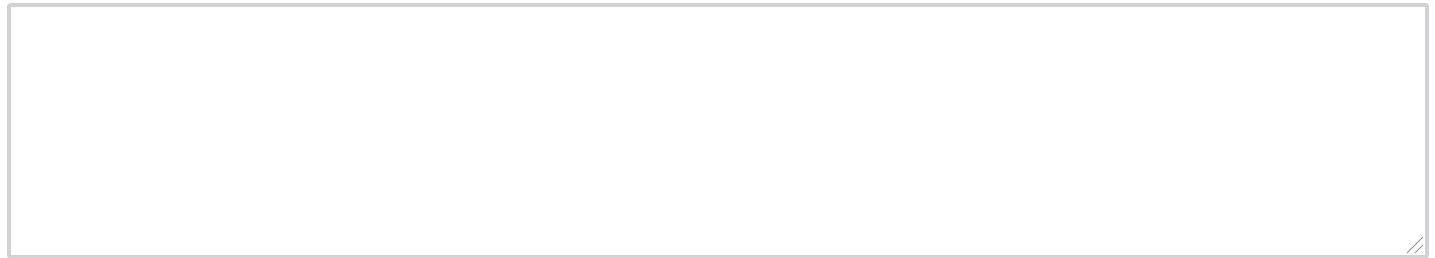
Q25. Essay Question #1b. Please respond in 1-2 sentences. Can you describe what type of research you would be interested in pursuing?

Q26. Essay Question #2a . Please respond in 1000 characters or less. Please discuss any information about you or your background that describes your resilience, persistence, passion or perspective you will bring to science, and/or your approach to challenges that you would like to share with the U-RISE Admissions Committee.

Q33. Essay Question #2b. The U-RISE program aims to prepare students, particularly those from groups traditionally underrepresented in biomedical research, for successful entry into Ph.D. programs and to broaden participation in the biomedical workforce. How do your background and experiences align with this goal? Additionally, how do you envision incorporating the values and goals of U-RISE into your academic journey and future career in biomedical research?

Q27. Essay Question # 3. Please respond in 1000 characters or less. Describe the value of and/or your experience with mentoring and how you could benefit from the mentoring components of the U-RISE at Marquette program.





**Q28. Essay Question # 4.** Please respond in 1000 characters or less.

Building students' scientific identity within an inclusive community is an important component of the U-RISE program. Describe how you have contributed or have benefited from a learning community of your peers. This can be a formal or an informal learning community. What potential contributions and benefits do you see for yourself in the U-RISE learning community in meeting your professional goals.



**Q29.** Please upload your unofficial transcript as a pdf. You can download an unofficial transcript through CheckMarq Student Home > Grades and Transcripts > View Unofficial Transcript

**Q30.** A letter of recommendation is a required part of the application. Please ask your reference writer to email their letter of recommendation to [urise@marquette.edu](mailto:urise@marquette.edu) by the application deadline.

