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**Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine**  
**Edmondson Research Internship Program**

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**Instructions on Writing a Personal Statement**

Write your personal statement in a natural style, so that it conveys who you are. Present your information and ideas in a focused, thoughtful and meaningful manner. Support your ideas with specific examples. A personal statement that is simply a list of qualities or accomplishments is not usually persuasive. Your personal statement should reflect your own ideas and be written by you alone.

The Hugh Edmondson Research Internship Program seeks to enroll students who take initiative in pursuing their education. In order to understand a student's motivation and dedication to the Edmondson Internship Program and to research in the health sciences, your statement should include how you have taken advantage of your previous educational opportunities, why you have chosen to apply for the Edmondson Research Internship and what career path you are currently most interested in. Please also reflect on your academic or creative interests, and potential to contribute to the vitality of the Edmondson Research Internship Program, by telling us about a talent, experience, contribution or personal quality you will bring to the Program. If applicable, please share any important aspects of your schooling or your life, such as personal circumstances, family experiences, and opportunities that were not available through your school or college, which may not have been sufficiently addressed elsewhere in your application to the Program.

**Please note:** Your personal statement should be between 500 and 800 words. When submitting your personal statement, please use the "instructions on Writing Personal Statement" as a cover sheet. Thank you.