

# **Faculty Contacts by Specialty**

## **PRIMARY CONTACTS for Student Research Opportunities in Summer Research Programs and Longitudinal Research Project (LRP)**

(& faculty who recently mentored LRP or LRP students)

**READ FIRST:** The following is a list of faculty who have been designated as “primary contacts” for medical students interested in learning about mentors and research opportunities in the respective departments / divisions. Note that these contacts will not necessarily have a research opening, but are in a good position to direct students to faculty who have good track records in research and are interested in mentoring medical students.

The Department or Division name also serves as a link to the respective website, from which useful information about individual faculty research interests can be found.

Students are advised to peruse a website and become familiar with faculty research interests prior to meeting with the “primary contact”. A student may want to meet with several potential faculty mentors before deciding on a project.

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