



**Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center**

**Summer 2020's Virtual Program**



QSURE Class of 2020

This summer the QSURE class of 2020 joined the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics via a new 8-week virtual program. This year's class comprised 9 students who worked with our faculty to tackle innovative quantitative research questions in biostatistics, epidemiology, health outcomes, and computational oncology. Our students also took full advantage of the scores of seminars and workshops--most of them via web conferencing. The virtual program was made possible by the tireless dedication of our mentors and the support of the department. We are so grateful to everyone who made the program possible under very challenging circumstances!

**Summer 2019 Recap**

The class of 2019 had themselves a busy summer! In addition to the work for their research projects, the QSURE fellows went on four field trips around NYC, spent time with several guest lecturers, and had lunch with members of the QSURE alumni of 2018. And as a little end-of-summer outing, they also visited the National Museum of Mathematics - a much deserved rewards for their hard work.



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Additionally, although the summer had long since ended, alumni Hector Moran and Mohammed Rahman represented QSURE at Hunter College's summer internship fair in October! We thank them, as well as all of our alumni, for their continued efforts on behalf of QSURE.



Hector Moran (L), Dr. Kay See Tan (middle) and Mohammed Rahman (R)

**A Note On Our First Issue**

Since its inaugural year in 2018, the goal of the QSURE program has been to help undergraduate students prepare for a career in quantitative science research. It is with that same goal in mind that we publish our first issue of the QSURE Newsletter. We hope that it will help bring increased awareness to QSURE while also documenting the achievements of our alumni and the program as a whole.

Thank you for your support!  
The QSURE Team

**New Program Leadership!**



Dr. Kay See Tan



Dr. Colin Begg



Dr. Margaret Du

This past fall, Dr. Colin Begg and Dr. Margaret Du joined the QSURE leadership team. Along with Dr. Kay See Tan, they will be providing direction and programmatic guidance for the program.

Dr. Tan, who has played an active leadership role since the onset of QSURE, will work with Dr. Du as the program Co-Directors. Dr. Begg has led the department as Chair for over 30 years and brings a trove of experience that will prove invaluable to QSURE. Richard Koppenaal will continue to provide administrative support. The change in leadership followed the departure of program leaders Elena Elkin and Jaya Satagopan. Dr. Elkin is now a Professor of Health Policy and Management at Columbia University, and Dr. Satagopan is now a Professor of Biostatistics at Rutgers University. Please join us in congratulating Elena and Jaya on their exciting new positions, and the new leadership team!



Dr. Elena Elkin (above) and Dr. Jaya Satagopan (below)

**QSURE at ICEC**

In September, the QSURE team traveled to Salt Lake City, Utah, to present at the 2019 International Cancer Education Conference. Shireen Lewis presented a poster on "The administrative nuts and bolts of implementing an undergraduate research experience program at a free-standing cancer center." Kay See and Jaya gave an oral presentation entitled, "Implementing a responsible conduct of research curriculum for an undergraduate summer internship program."



Dr. Kay See Tan (L), Shireen Lewis, MPA (middle), and Dr. Jaya Satagopan (R)



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