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WILLIAM MCKAY

MS2 Student

PITT MED STUDENT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S
Student of the Month
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"William is a highly intelligent student and an excellent mentor. This past summer, I worked with him in the same research lab. When I joined, I felt nervous and unsure of how I could contribute as an incoming first-year medical student, but that changed quickly after meeting William. He helped me get started on research projects and feel confident in the lab from day one.

For example, part of our study involved measuring blood vessel diameters from CT scans, an inherently challenging task. William walked me through the process step by step and used multiple resources to make sure I actually understood what I was looking at. Whenever I had questions, he always had a clear, well-thought-out answer. He is also resourceful and innovative, having built an application from scratch to automate parts of the process. That same initiative carried over to how he mentored me, encouraging me to explore my own project ideas and truly personalize my research experience.

Overall, working with William over the past summer has been an exceptional experience. He is exactly the kind of mentor every student hopes to find."

Submitted by a Medical Student
UPMC Eye and Ear - 3D Printing/Ghodadra Lab, Spring 2026

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