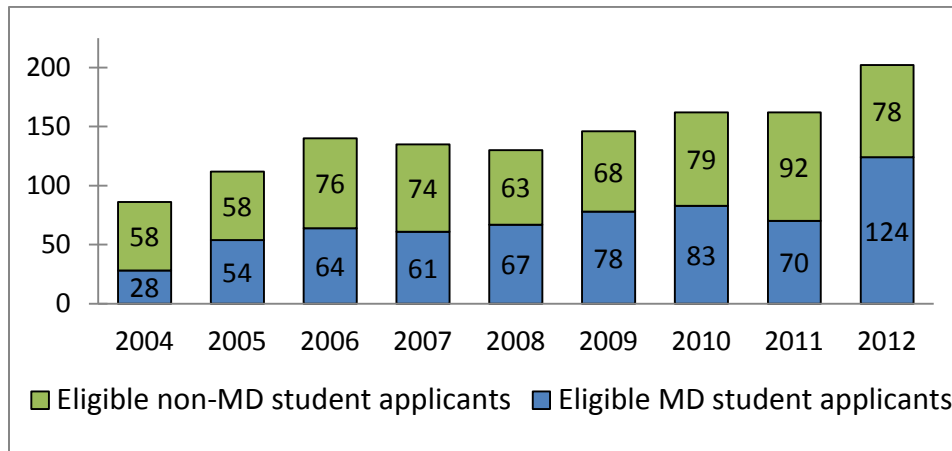


## Summer Student Research Program – Historical Application & Funding Information

In 2011-12 the Summer Student Research Program (SSRP) received >200 applications, the largest number since the program's inception in 1999. In addition, in 2011-12 the applicant distribution shifted dramatically such that the number of MD undergraduate student applications was greater than the number of non-MD undergraduate student applications (Figure 1).

Figure 1: SSRP Applications received 2004-2012



Funding for the SSRP comes from a variety of sources including Faculty of Medicine Endowments, awards from external agencies and private donations. Each of these funding sources is subject to a specific set of conditions; for example, some funding sources can only be awarded to MD students or are only available to support research in specific areas.

Due to the restricted nature of some funding sources the SSRP applications for MD students and non-MD students are adjudicated separately. In recent years funding has been available to support approximately 40-60 MD student projects and 30-40 non-MD student projects. Due to the existing funding restrictions and the difference in the number of applications received from the two applicant pools the funding success rates for MD students and non-MD students can vary greatly (Figure 2).

Figure 2: Comparison of SSRP applications received and the number of projects able to be funded for MD students (A) and non-MD students (B)

