



DUKE'S SUMMER TRAINING IN ACADEMIC RESEARCH (STAR) PROGRAM

2018 Fact Sheet

WHAT: Duke's STAR Program provides a high-quality research experience for undergraduate students, high school students, and high school teachers during the summer academic break. The program takes place over 8 weeks and focuses on pharmaco-epidemiological research methodology and writing skills. Participants are placed in teams and matched with Duke faculty mentors to work on an original, hypothesis-driven project, progressing through draft figures and tables, an abstract, a PowerPoint presentation, and a written thesis. The research experience is supplemented with content-related tutorials provided by Duke medicine and pediatrics faculty members, a statistician, and a medical writer. The program also includes an intensive medical ethics seminar on the responsible conduct of research. Additionally, students (ages 18+) may experience clinical medicine firsthand by shadowing a physician on hospital rounds.

WHERE: The program takes place at the Duke Clinical Research Institute (DCRI), which is a clinical research organization that is an integral part of Duke University. The DCRI is located at 300 W Morgan St., Durham, NC 27701.

WHEN: Mid-June – early August 2018

WHO: Middle and high school teachers, high school students, and undergraduates are encouraged to apply.

Please note: U.S. citizenship is required for participation (per NIH policy). This is NOT a residential program. Participants are responsible for securing their own room and board.

HOW TO APPLY: Visit the Duke STAR program website <https://dcri.org/education/dukes-star-program/> to find out how to apply. To be considered complete, your application must include:

- Completed personal data form
- Two letters of recommendation from non-family members
- School transcript (students only)
- Essay addressing the question posed in the application



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