

Frequently Asked Questions:

Eligibility:

Q: Can I apply if I am not a rising senior in high school in the fall?

A: Rising juniors may apply; however, preference for admission will be granted to rising seniors and older students

Q: Can I apply if I am not 18 years old?

A: Yes, however, if you are not 18 years old by the time the in-person program starts (6/22/2026), you are not eligible to shadow faculty in the clinics or hospital.

Q: Can I apply if I am not a US citizen or permanent resident (green card holder)?

A: No, per NIH policy, only US citizens or permanent residents are eligible to apply.

Application Requirements:

Q: Can I submit my transcript after the deadline?

A: No, all requirements must be submitted by the deadline.

Q: Can I submit an unofficial transcript?

A: Yes.

Q: Can I submit my letter of recommendation with my application?

A: No, letters of recommendation must be submitted by the letter writer through the link provided on the website.

Q: When is the deadline to submit a letter of recommendation?

A: Letters of recommendation must be submitted by the deadline otherwise your application will be incomplete and will not be considered for review.

Q: Is there a prompt that letter writers should follow/answer?

A: No.

Q: Can my letter writer submit their letter of recommendation before I submit my application?

A: Yes

Q: Can I submit my application by email?

A: No, applications must be submitted online by following the link on the website.

Other FAQs:

Q: Are accepted participants required to stay on campus?

A: No.

Q: Do you give recommendations on where to stay for out of state participants?

A: No. Accepted participants are responsible for finding their own housing and transportation.

Q: I did not get accepted in the program but I am really interested in medicine and research, can I join the program even if I don't get a stipend?

A: No.

Q: Do you have a waitlist?

A: No.

Q: I did not get accepted for this summer, can I re-apply?

A: Yes.

Q: I will be a rising college freshman in the fall, will I be considered as a college participant or high school participant?

A: You will be considered as a college participant.

Q: Is there a cost to apply?

A: No.

Q: What is the time commitment?

A: Participants are required to attend in person for 6/22/2026-7/24/2026, Monday-Friday, business hours .

Q: When does the application period begin and end?

A: The application period is from November to first week of January. Please check the website for actual dates in October.

Q: My parent(s) are duke alumni, do I get preferential treatment?

A: No, your application will be rated based on your own accomplishments.