



Summer Training in Academic Research

WHAT: The STAR Program provides a hands-on, high-quality research experience during the summer academic break. During the program, participants get the chance to:

- Work with Duke faculty on an original research project
- Submit their research for publication in a peer-reviewed journal
- Learn about research methodology and writing, statistics, medical ethics, pediatrics, health outcomes, and health disparities
- Experience clinical medicine firsthand by shadowing a physician on hospital rounds

WHO: Middle school and high school teachers, as well as high school and undergraduate students. Teachers are a critical part of the STAR Program. Their primary responsibility is to create an open and collaborative learning environment, and contribute life experience, collaborative skills, problem-solving skills, and content-based knowledge.

WHEN: The program takes place over 8 weeks from mid-June to early August.

WHERE: The program is held at the Duke Clinical Research Institute (DCRI), a clinical research organization that is part of Duke University. The DCRI is located at 300 West Morgan Street in downtown Durham, North Carolina.



WHY: The STAR Program gives participants:

- Hands-on experience in research that will improve the care of real patients
- A better understanding of research methodology, ethics, and statistics
- Contacts in the local medical research community
- The opportunity to get their work published in peer-reviewed journals, a critical step that establishes them in the scientific community
- **PLUS**, the program provides a stipend to attend. The only costs associated with the program are housing and transportation.

HOW TO APPLY: Visit the STAR Program website (dcri.org/education/dukes-star-program) to complete an application. **Applications will be accepted from Nov. 19, 2018 through Jan. 11, 2019.** Your application must include:

- A completed personal data form
- A letter of support from your institution plus one additional reference (to be emailed by the letter writers)
- Essay addressing the question posed in the application
- Curriculum vitae

Contact Divine Pinson, Program Coordinator, at divinagracia.pinson@duke.edu for more information.

