



Houston Methodist

Summer Undergraduate Research Internship



FAQS

Q. How long is the internship?

A. All internship programs will begin on May 27, 2025, and end on August 1, 2025. A full-time commitment for all 10 weeks is required. Student workdays are 8 hours, approximately 8:30am-5:00pm, except for the July 4th holiday.

Q. Is there a minimum age to participate in the high school internship?

A. Applicants must be completing their junior or senior year and be 16 years of age by the start of the program (May 27, 2025) to be eligible for the High School Research Internship Program. The Summer Undergraduate Research Internship reserves a limited number of slots for high school students. **High school students are not eligible to receive a stipend for participation in the Summer Research Internship Program.**

Q. Where does the Internship take place?

A. The internship is held at the main Houston Methodist Hospital campus in the Texas Medical Center, located at 6565 Fannin St. Houston, TX 77030.

Q. What field or specialty will I be observing and working in?

A. The application will ask you to list your top three specialty preferences. While our selection committee will work hard to match accepted students with their preferences, placement in the various research fields is based on availability and lab capacity limitations. The Fields Rosenberg Fellowship and Kadoorie Cardiovascular Internship will follow a clinical rotation schedule determined by the program coordinators.

Q. Can I apply if I'm not a US citizen?

A. Currently, only US citizens, Legal Permanent Residents and Foreign Nationals who already hold a legal visa status (F-1, J-1, EADs) are eligible to apply to any of the internship programs.

Q. When will I know when my application has been received?

A. Once you have completed your application and we receive your letters of recommendation, you will receive an email confirming that all required materials have been received for your application to proceed to the next steps in the selection process.

Q. When will I be informed of the stipend amount for the internship?

A. If you are selected for the internship, the stipend amount will be included in your acceptance letter.

Q. Does the program offer housing or transportation assistance?

A. Participants will be responsible for securing their own housing arrangements. However, after admittance into the program, participants will be provided information on housing options available to them. For commuting, interns may choose to receive either a Smithland's parking pass or a paid QCard for using the Houston Metro service.

Q. Can I still apply to the programs if I will not be able to start on May 27th?

A. No. Full participation is required for the internships starting on May 27th.

Q. Can I apply if I was a previous intern in one of the programs?

A. Yes, but only if you are now applying to a different program. Students cannot participate in the same program more than once.

Q. Can I apply to more than one Summer Internship Program?

A. No, you can only apply to **ONE** Summer Internship Program per year.

Q. If I'm graduating from college this year, am I still eligible to participate in the programs?

A. Yes. Currently enrolled college seniors may apply to the summer programs that immediately follow their graduation.

Q. What if my items are not submitted by the Jan. 31st deadline?

A. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed, and you will not be considered for the summer programs. No exceptions.

Q. How do I submit my letters of recommendation?

A. You will enter the email addresses of your two recommenders on the application. A letter of recommendation form will then be sent to each recommender. After submitting your application and once we receive the letters, you will receive an email confirming that all required materials have been received, allowing your application to move forward in the selection process.

Q. What can I do to make myself a competitive applicant?

A. The selection committee looks for academically accomplished applicants in STEM courses, involvement in science/health related extracurricular activities, volunteer service, and good communication skills. Letters of recommendation should be from someone that knows the candidate on a personal level and can speak to their

academic strengths and interest in pursuing a research or medical career. All these criteria are carefully weighed by the reviewer to select a competitive, well-rounded candidate.

Q. When will I know if I have been selected for the internship?

A. We carefully review each application, which takes time. You will be notified by mid-March if you have been selected for the Summer 2025 Internship Program.

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