

Frequently Asked Questions (and Answers)

Q: Where exactly will students be placed and what kinds of activities will they be involved in?

A: Each position and thus each student experience is different. In general, positions involve about 50% work on a project(s) and 50% other activities, including observations, attending meetings, program activities, etc. Please view the listing of positions for examples and details regarding specific positions.

Q: Are the same positions offered each session? How will I know what positions will be offered?

A: Positions change with each session, based on the availability of mentors and suitable projects during that session.

Q: What schedule do students follow?

A: During fall and spring sessions students participate approximately 15 hours per week for 10 weeks; during the summer session students participate approximately 30 hours per week for 8 weeks. In general, students should expect to participate within the time frame of Monday-Friday, 8am to 5pm, although this will depend on the specific position. Some scheduling specifics are listed on the position descriptions posted online. In most departments, the schedule is flexible and is decided between the student and the mentor.

Q: Is there a cost associated with the program?

A: There is no direct fee to participate in the program.

Q: Are housing, meals, gas, vaccinations, TB testing, etc. included in the program?

A: Students are provided stipends to help offset the cost of their participation in the program. At some program meetings refreshments are provided. During the summer, posters are provided for student poster presentations. Other expenses are the responsibility of each individual student.

Q: Is housing provided?

A: No. In the past, during the summer session only, there has been limited housing available for a small fee for female students only at Cedar Crest College. Please call Cedar Crest College directly to inquire.

Q: I participated in the program previously. Can I apply again?

A: We try to offer the Research Scholar experience to as many students as possible. Therefore, students may only participate during one session. However, eligible students who have not yet been selected to participate may apply to the program more than once.

Q: Who is eligible for the program?

A: Current undergraduate students legally permitted to study/work/live in the United States are eligible to apply for the program.

Q: Is selection/participation guaranteed for all applicants?

A: The program is competitive and the application is available for a specific period of time.

Q: Who should I ask to write my letter of recommendation? Is there a form they need to fill out?

A: The letter of recommendation should come from an academic advisor or a professor who knows you well. Depending on the positions for which you apply, you may prefer to have an individual from a particular department write your letter (ie. a biology professor for a position targeting biology majors); in general it is recommended that whoever writes your letter can attest to your academic, research, professional, and personal qualities that lend themselves to the program and the positions in which you are interested. Only one letter will be accepted and there is no form to complete. Your recommender should email the letter directly to Jean.Hoffman@lvh.com.

Q: What are the key dates for the program, including upcoming sessions and application deadlines?

A: For key dates, please visit www.lvhn.org/researchscholar and click on the program calendar.

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