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Program Overview

Founded in 2010, the Summer Student Program is designed for high school students who are interested in pursuing careers in the biomedical sciences.

The program is focused on two distinct areas:

Independent research in a stimulating learning environment

Students will have a chance to take part in an 8-week, biomedical or computational lab-based internship in a Memorial Sloan Kettering (MSK) research lab. Students are paired with a mentor who supervises their activities, helping them develop appropriate technical skills. Over the course of the internship, students complete a self-directed project that supports the Principal Investigator's overall research objectives. Through participation in laboratory meetings and program sessions, students are exposed to a variety of people within their assigned laboratories and MSK community.

Professional and Personal Development

The students will also explore outside of the laboratory, in an effort to provide an additional facet to life as a scientist. These events will give insight into the world of translational medicine and research. The events are hosted by programs throughout Memorial Sloan Kettering, including the Office of Scientific Education & Training, various Memorial Hospital clinical departments, and Human Resources.

The 8-week program begins on June 29 and ends August 21, 2026.

Students receive a stipend of \$1,200 for the summer. Housing is not provided.

Areas of Research

- Cancer biology
- Cell & Molecular & Developmental Biology
- Chemistry/Chemical biology
- Computer Science/ Computational Biology/ Genomics
- Engineering/ Optics/ Imaging/ Research Tools
- Immunology/ Immuno-oncology
- Pharmacology & Drug Development
- Structural Biology

Eligibility Requirements

Students must meet the following criteria:

- Demographic eligibility: The applicant must live in New York, New Jersey, or Connecticut within 25 miles of Main Campus of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center on the Upper East Side in Manhattan
- Currently enrolled as a high school junior
- Legally authorized to work in the United States
- A 3.5 grade point average in science subjects
- Must be 14 or older by June 2026
- Submission of application materials by the deadlines
- Eight-week commitment to the program
- A genuine interest in science and laboratory research

How to Apply

Successful applicants typically demonstrate strong academic achievement and leadership skills and are interested in biomedical sciences and translational cancer research. Members of groups historically underrepresented in medicine and science (including but not limited to individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups, women, individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, and persons with disabilities) are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications for 2026 Summer Student Program will open on December 1, 2025. [Please click here to apply](#) .

All application materials must be submitted by 8:00 a.m. EST on February 6, 2026.

Application Considerations

- Application form note: please use Chrome, Firefox, or Safari to fill out your application. Internet Explorer is not supported. Don't forget to press "Submit" at the bottom of the page when your application is complete!
- Required short essay responses
- Current resume: A one-page resume highlighting your academic abilities and volunteer and/or professional scientific experience.

- Unofficial transcripts: Transcript(s) from every high school attended.
- Letters of recommendation: Two confidential recommendation letters.

Frequently Asked Questions

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