What Is the HOPP Summer Student Program?

The Human Oncology & Pathogenesis Program (HOPP) at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center provides high school students with hands-on experience in laboratory techniques. Students conduct independent research projects and attend enriching training sessions and tours designed to support their interest in the clinical side of translational research and fuel their curiosity for science.

Program Facts
• The program runs for eight weeks from June 27 to August 22, 2024
• Students must commit to the full eight weeks and should plan their summer accordingly.
• Students are expected to take part in independent research projects under the direct mentorship of a postdoctoral fellow, graduate student, or research technician.
• Students are expected to present their research project at a poster session at the end of the summer.
• Students will receive a stipend upon completion of the program.

Who is Eligible?

HOPP seeks high school students who are knowledgeable, self-motivated, and passionate about science to join our 2024 Summer Student Program. We encourage students from disadvantaged and underprivileged backgrounds to apply.

Students also must meet the following criteria:
• Completion of at least the 9th grade by June 2024
• Must be 14 or older by June 27, 2024
• A genuine interest in science and laboratory research
• 3.5 GPA in science subjects
• Two letters of recommendation
• Eight-week commitment to the program

PLEASE NOTE: Acceptance into the program does not guarantee an extended internship throughout the school year.

Application Requirements and Program Facts

Program Timeline

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The following documents must be submitted in a PDF format via the summer student application website at sam.mskcc.org

• Resumé
• Copy of school transcript (unofficial is acceptable)
• Signed 8 week commitment letter by parent and student
• 2 letters of recommendation (at least 1 must be from a scientific or mathematical advisor/teacher). Letters must speak of student’s previous scientific experience in lab and knowledge of biological concepts, as well as his or her commitment to education and discovery.

Applications, transcripts and letters of recommendation will not be accepted after the February 9, 2024 application deadline. The review process will begin shortly after February 10th for completed applications only.

Questions?
Inquiries can be directed to HOPPSummerProgram@mskcc.org

More information about the program can be found at https://www.mskcc.org/education-training/high-school-college/hopp-summer-student