



MSK Engage Program for NYC College Students

Define your path to a PhD with MSK Engage, a two year program designed for NYC college students from historically underrepresented and underserved groups.

MSK Engage is part of the MSK's Maximizing Excellence in Research Innovation and Technology (MERIT) program, with sponsorship from the Gray Foundation and Parker Institute for Cancer Immunotherapy (PICI) Representation in Science RISE Initiatives.



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MSK Engage provides:

- **Research experience** – immersion in biomedical research in cutting edge laboratories at Memorial Sloan Kettering (MSK) for up to 26 months.
- **Community** – Scholars will receive guided mentoring by faculty, graduate students and postdocs with social activities to foster community.
- **Educational training** – participation in professional development workshops and skills building classes, as well as research seminars. During their gap year students will participate in a Cancer Core class.
- **Professional guidance** – individualized career guidance and assistance with the graduate school application process.
- **Benefits** – competitive stipend at all phases of the program; plus, health benefits (during gap year).

Program Dates and Benefits

February 1, 2025: Deadline to apply.

June 2, 2025 – August 8, 2025: Scholars begin a 10-week summer internship in MSK labs. During the first week they will participate in a bootcamp in lab basics and will be immersed in professional development activities with other summer interns. (Stipend \$6,500).

September 2025 – June 2026: Scholars remain in the same lab where they performed their summer research as part-time interns (up to 12 hours per week/ max \$7,500).

July 2026 – June 2027: Scholars who meet the eligibility criteria will transition into a full gap year in the same lab and will join the MSK's Bridge Postbac program. (Stipend \$50,000 plus health benefits.)

How to Apply

MSK seeks current NYC college juniors pursuing a biomedically relevant Bachelor's and interested in attaining a PhD. Applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents. Students from historically underrepresented and underserved groups are strongly encouraged to apply.

Learn More

For more information and to apply, visit:
www.mskcc.org/engage.

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