Clark Summer Research Program Frequently Asked Questions

Program Application

• What are the requirements for the Clark Summer Research Program?
• What age must you be to be accepted into the program? Can continuing high school students apply?
• I am a current UT Dallas freshman, can I apply?
• What is required on the application?
• I am not a US citizen, can I still apply?
• I completed my application on March 1, when will I hear back?
• The deadline has passed, can I still apply?

Application Supporting Documentation

• What is the recommendation letter deadline?
• How do I know if my recommendation letter was received? What happens if you do not receive my recommendation letter?
• I applied, but my recommender did not receive a request for a recommendation?
• I completed my application on or before March 1, but my recommendation letter was not submitted on time. What should I do?
• My science/computer science teacher does not know me best, will you accept a recommendation from another teacher or counselor?
• What if I moved and my new science teacher does not know me?
• I cannot upload my transcript or resume, where can I send it?

Program Length and Time Commitment

• How long is the program? Do I have to attend all the days?
• I graduate after the program starts, can I still participate?
• I cannot attend the full session or I need to miss two/three weeks. Can I still participate?
• What is the time commitment? Is it like school where we have to go every day during the week?
• Would I be allowed to work or take courses during the program?
• How much freedom would we have during the program? Are there commitments outside of the 40 hour work week?

After Admission Questions

• I’ve been accepted, what’s next?
• Who do I contact in case of an emergency?
• Do I need to bring an id?
• What should I bring?
• I received an email for Slack, do I have to join?
• What is the poster session? Is it mandatory?

Finances and Scholarship
• Do you have to be an AES recipient or National Merit Scholar to participate?
• I am an AES recipient/National Merit Scholar/Terry Scholar, does this affect my scholarship?
• Do those participating in the program pay a fee or any other costs? Does it cost to attend?
• Are room and board covered for the duration of this program?
• How much is the stipend?
• Do I need to bring money?

Choosing Research and Labs
• Does the research field you choose in the application have to be related to your major? Is there any way to do research outside of my major?
• How are research projects assigned? How does lab placement work?
• Should I find a lab to work in?
• I am hoping to be able to participate in the 2019 summer research program, and I was wondering if I should already have a specific research topic stated in my application?
• What level of knowledge should we come into the lab with?
• What is the dress code?

Housing and Commuting Information and Options
• If I live in the Dallas area what are the options? Can I choose to commute or live on campus?
• I’m commuting, where will I park?
• If I live on campus, do I need a car? Can I bring a car?
• Is it possible to see the housing before I arrive?
• A friend and I were both accepted, can we room together?
• What is gender inclusive housing?
• When will I move in/out?
• If I am living on campus, will this be my residence hall in the fall?
• What should I do with my residence hall items when it’s time to move out? Can I move my items into my fall residence hall room early?
• What do I need to bring if I’m living on campus?
• What is a Clark PA?
• What do I need for my dorm?
Family and Pet Policies

- Can my family visit me?
- Can I bring my pet?
- I have a service animal, what lab precautions do I need to take?