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?
Will I receive an email if I'm not accepted?

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?

How much time is spent in lab?

How strict are lab hours?

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?