

Summer Scholars Research Program FAQs

General Info

1. What is required to apply to the Winship Summer Scholars program?

Students must be 17 years old by the start date of the program. To apply, students must log into the application system from the [SSRP website](#). The items listed below are required for the application. The applicant can save the application while completion is in progress. Once the application has been submitted, it cannot be updated. The application including recommendation letters must be submitted by the application due date. Late applications will **NOT** be accepted.

- Recommendation Letters (three maximum). Two letters from teachers are required, one of which must be from a STEM teacher (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math). A maximum of three recommendation letters can be submitted. Name and email address for recommender must be entered into the SSRP application system. An automated email will be sent to the recommender to request the letter of recommendation. Please also communicate directly with your recommenders about this request. The letters must be submitted by the recommenders through the online system application deadline.
- High School Transcript. A high school transcript must be provided. Transcripts must be in PDF format and include the applicant's entire high school academic history. An official transcript is preferred, but an unofficial transcript will be accepted.
- Essay Questions. The application contains five questions which require short answer/essay responses. Word limits for these answers range from 150 to 400 words (not the same for all questions).
- Parent/Guardian Information. Name and contact information for at least one parent/guardian must be provided.

2. What will my schedule look like while I am in the program?

Students are expected to be at Winship full time Monday through Friday from 9:00AM – 5:00PM for the duration of the program. Your mentor will ultimately decide your schedule and may alter this schedule as needed depending on the time commitments required to complete the planned project. Mentors are assigned a few weeks before the program begins.

3. What other activities do students participate outside of their research project?

As a Summer Scholars student, you will participate in regularly scheduled weekly lectures, as well as field trips and other events.

The SSRP program coordinator will send e-mails with events, seminars, workshops, or lectures that may further supplement your education while in the program. These events are NOT mandatory. Previous examples of these events include the weekly Winship [Grand Rounds Lectures](#) and the [Elkin Lecture Series](#).

4. Do students receive identification?

SSRP students will receive an ID badge at the orientation. Students are required to wear their badge at **ALL** times while on Emory's campus.

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5. Are meals provided during the program?

Students should bring their own meals, or purchase lunch on campus, except during the Orientation, Final Symposium, and other days explicitly acknowledged by the SSRP program coordinator during the program.

6. Who are the guest lecturers?

Guest lecturers are a variety of specialists who work in oncology, ranging from gastroenterologists to basic scientists to biostatisticians. The goal of the lectures is to provide a broader picture of cancer research, and to allow students to learn about the educational and career paths of Winship doctors and scientists. Students will learn presentation skills to assist with their oral presentation for the Final Symposium.

7. What are the field trips that students go on each year?

Each year, students visit the CDC David J. Sencer Museum and the Emory Proton Therapy Center. In the past students have also visited the Georgia Institute of Technology. Other field trips may be added to the program at the program coordinator's discretion.

8. What is the Final Symposium?

The Final Symposium is the culmination of all the hard work students have done throughout the summer. Students will each prepare and present a 10-minute talk on their individual research projects for their fellow students and Winship faculty members. Students will also create research posters for presentation at a poster session highlighting their work during the program.

9. When is the Final Symposium?

The Final Symposium is held on the last day of the program.

10. What prior training do I need to complete my project?

Students do not need any prior training to participate in the program.

11. Can parents and family attend the Final Symposium?

Yes, we encourage students to invite their parents and family to attend, as well as science teachers or other application references.