

The 2021 Robert Louis Katz Summer Scholars Program

Stanley Manne Children's Research Institute and Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital are pleased to announce the 2021 Robert Louis Katz Summer Scholars Program. The program is designed to provide undergraduates summer experiences in research related to childhood health and disease. Through the ongoing generosity of Jim & Ellyn Katz, we are offering competitive scholarships for the summer of 2021 for research experiences with Stanley Manne Children's Research Institute investigators at the downtown Chicago Lurie Children's campus.

AWARDS:

- Scholars will receive a \$3,500 stipend for their time in their respective mentor's research program.
- Scholars are expected to spend at least eight (8) weeks between June and August 2021 working full time with their respective mentors.

Application Due Date

April 30, 2021 by 5:00 PM CST

Notice of Awards

May 22, 2021

GUIDELINES:

1. **Applicant Requirements:**

- Applicants should be matriculated as a full-time student in a university undergraduate program.
- Must have completed at least one full-time term in an undergraduate program.
- Only ONE submission per mentor.
- Student has not previously received a Katz or Manne Research Institute Summer Scholar's Award.

2. **Budget Guidelines:**

- Scholars will receive a \$3,500 stipend for eight (8) weeks of full-time work between June and August 2021.
- This will be paid in one lump sum at the completion of the summer program. Scholars must complete the Lurie Children's onboarding and Corporate Health screening process, as well as complete a W9 form in order to receive the stipend.

3. **General Request Requirements:**

- A. Completed Application Form: <https://forms.office.com/r/4pzYVY1CjA>
- The application should be submitted on behalf of the student by the mentor or mentor's administrator.
 - Lurie Children's Office 365 environment is required (log into Office.com with Lurie Children's credentials) in order to access the application form referenced above.
- B. One-page personal statement describing the applicant's educational path and interest in research as well as a description of future goals.
- C. Resume (including contact information for the scholar over next two years).
- D. One-page overview of the proposed summer research, including the following components:
- The central problem to be studied
 - The primary research thesis/question
 - The central hypothesis or objective, as appropriate to the project
 - The aim(s) of the research
 - The expected accomplishment / outcome from the research experience

E. Letter of support from the proposed research mentor. The letter should indicate support for the student to be embedded within the mentor's research program and the day-to-day mentoring available to guide the student (i.e., PI, graduate student, research technologist, postdoctoral associate, early career faculty, etc.).

4. Post Award Requirements:

- Scholars are expected to submit a three-page research summary within two (2) weeks after the Summer Scholars Program is completed.
- Research mentors are expected to complete a research experience evaluation within two (2) weeks after completion of the summer experience.
- Scholars are expected to submit an evaluation form in 2021 and 2022.
- Katz scholars may provide a brief presentation of their summer project to the Katz family.
- Students will be required to attend a weekly seminar from 6/21/21 to 8/6/21 (off the week of July 4th) and will prepare a research poster and a brief presentation of their research project at the end of the session.

5. Review Criteria:

Proposals will be scored by each reviewer using a scale of 1-9. The score and other brief comments will be provided to each applicant upon request.

- Qualifications of student applicant
- Interest in research & future scientific goals
- Feasibility: ability to meet the proposed objectives in the time frame
- Overall impact of the research project

For questions and additional information, please contact researchguidance@luriechildrens.org.