Tandon Undergraduate Summer Research Program

Frequently Asked Questions

When will I find out if I have been accepted into the program?

There is no exact date as the faculty members and their masters and Ph.D students are the ones that select the undergraduate participants. Different faculty have different selection processes and as such, they might take longer than others to make their decisions. For instance some faculty choose straight from the applications they receive while others hold formal interview processes. There will be rolling admittance notification from the beginning of March through May.

What about housing?

The program does not provide housing nor housing stipends. All students are eligible to apply for summer on-campus housing online (https://www.nyu.edu/summer/housing/), however. It is recommended that you apply for housing even before you get your acceptance decision. Once a housing decision is received, you should have received your program decision as well. Afterwards, you will be able to decide whether to make a housing deposit or not. Students can also look into off-campus housing instead of living on-campus as well.

Does the program pay? How much?

The Undergraduate Summer Research Program consists of many different moving parts, programs, and people. In this regard, people are compensated in different ways:

Thompson-Bartlett Fellows
The Thompson-Bartlett Fellowship is awarded to ten exceptional female student participants from NYU Tandon or NYU CAS/Tandon 3+2. There is no additional application for this Fellowship. These students will receive $14.00USD/hour. Note that these wages are taxable.

NYU Tandon, NYU Shanghai, & NYU CAS/Tandon 3+2
If you applied to this program through the official Summer Research Program application, you will receive hourly compensation for 35 hours/week for the full ten weeks of this program. Payment for SU18 is $13.50USD/hour. Note that these wages are taxable.

NYU Abu Dhabi
If you are an NYU Abu Dhabi student, you can receive funding up to $4,000USD from NYUAD for the full 10-week program. Make sure to apply for the grant prior to the mid March deadline. Contact Farhana Goha in this regard.
Non-NYU Students
If you are not an NYU student, you should have applied for the program through the Summer Research Program for College Juniors. The funding for this program is sponsored through the Tandon Graduate Center. Please contact them in this regard.

Volunteers
Some students don’t get selected to participate in the program through the application and choose to volunteer with faculty over the summer. Those students will work as volunteers and not get compensated for their work.

I’m an international student from NYUAD or NYU Shanghai. What do I do about an i-20?
You should contact the international office at your respective campus and they will guide you through the process. You are also welcomed to contact the Office of Global Services here in NY through their online contact form or via telephone 212.998.4720.

What is the work schedule like?
Research mentors are in charge of determining work schedules. You are required to be available to work full-time (up to 35 hours a week). Some of this work might be able to be done at home via your computer (depending upon the subject area that you are doing research in and the stage in which your research project is at). Please contact your research mentors for more details.

What else does the program require?
Aside from the actual research, you must attend the events put forth in the official Summer Research Program calendar. This calendar is sent to all participants at the beginning of the program and gone over in detail during the Program Orientation. Students are also required to submit an abstract for the Abstract Booklet (published after the program finishes), create a research poster, as well as participate in poster sessions and/or presentations.

How long is the program? Can I miss days?
The official program runs for ten weeks from the beginning of June to the middle of August. If you need to miss any research, you must inform your research mentor and if you need to miss any events, you must inform the program coordinator – Ms. Sara-Lee Ramsawak.

Can I take a summer course while doing research?
It is expected for you to work full time with your research mentors during the ten weeks of the program. In this regard, you cannot take classes if they conflict with your research schedule. Different research mentors need students at different times so it might be a possibility for you to shift your schedule in order to complete a course so long as it does not conflict and if your research mentor allows it.

**Who should I contact with questions?**

With any questions about the research projects or the research schedule, please contact your research mentor. If you have questions about the program in general or the mandatory events, you should contact the program coordinator – Ms. Sara-Lee Ramsawak.