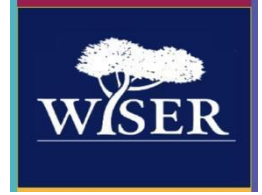


# WISER Mentorship Program Student FAQs



## How will we be matched into groups?

We will match you to a group of 1-5 people. This will allow you to benefit from collaboration and group problem solving. Your group may be people you do not know, but it is a great opportunity to meet new people. If you prefer, the project can also be conducted independently.

## Who will your mentors be?

Your primary mentors will be Duke undergraduate students who are a part of the Duke WISER chapter. We will try to match you to an undergraduate student who has experience in your research topic of interest. In addition, your group will be able to talk to multiple of these students for a diverse range of advice. The Duke mentors may also help you coordinate with a professor to meet and review your project. This is a great chance to build connections with professors in fields you have interest in!

## What will the project timeline be?

The project will span over 9 weeks beginning in mid-January and culminating at a conference in late March/early April (date TBD) at Duke University. Your mentor will provide you with checklists and general goals for each week to help keep you on track.

## What is the end result or product we are expected to create?

This project is meant to be a guided research project into a community issue of your choosing. Your project will be individualized to your group with the help of your mentor, but each group will create an ending research poster to present at our conference. If this sounds intimidating, don't worry because your mentors will guide you throughout the entire process! You are not expected to create any groundbreaking discoveries, this is just a chance to focus in on an issue that your group finds interesting and come up with potential solutions. Your group can choose to implement this solution or just present it as a possibility.

## How many hours a week is this commitment?

We are giving your group reasonable flexibility to find a schedule and time commitment that balances your other work while still making progress on your project to be able to present it in April. You can expect 1-3 hours of work a week per member. This is not meant to be a stressful project, but instead a great way to engage with your community and find solutions to potentially less-explored issues.

## I have never done research. Will this be too overwhelming?

Not at all! Our program is tailored for high school students, so we do not expect you to have any research experience. Your mentors will guide you on how to progress each week. This is also a great opportunity to try out the research process and see if this is something you are interested in.

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