



Summer Training in Academic Research

WHAT: The STAR Program provides a hands-on, high-quality research experience during the summer academic break. During the program, participants get the chance to:

- Work with a Duke faculty mentor on an original research project
- Submit their research for publication in a peer-reviewed journal
- Learn about research methodology, writing, statistics, medical ethics, and career development
- Students who are age 18 and above can experience clinical medicine firsthand by shadowing a physician on hospital rounds

WHO:

1. Medical students,
2. Undergraduate students, and
3. Rising senior and current senior high school students

Students will be placed into teams. No background in scientific research is necessary, but strong academic performance and an interest in medicine and/or research are preferred. U.S. citizenship or permanent residency is required for participation.

WHEN: The program takes place from June 22 to July 24, 2026.

WHERE: The program is held at the Duke Clinical Research Institute (DCRI), a clinical research organization that is part of Duke University. The DCRI is located at 300 West Morgan Street in downtown Durham, North Carolina.

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