

# 2021-B-SURF Application

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## Start of Block: Student Information Block

### Student Information

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Unique ID (Duke Card Number)  
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Duke NetID \_\_\_\_\_

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1. What is your intended major? Briefly explain your choice of major.

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2. What are your career goals? Do you anticipate pursuing an advanced degree after graduating from college? Please be specific as possible.

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## Research Fellows - Scientific Interests

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3. For the areas of science research below, please choose only the ones that are of most interest to you. Drag and drop the areas into the box on the right. Please order your selections to reflect your interests.

*Note that none of these areas refers specifically to clinical topics or to human subjects; clinical research is not the focus of the Research Fellows Program.*

### Areas of Interest

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Whole animal biology (e.g., anatomy, behavior, physiology)

Biochemistry

Biomedical engineering

Cell Biology

Computational Biology

Developmental Biology

Ecology/ Field Biology

Evolutionary Biology

Genetics/ Genomics

Immunology

Molecular Biology

Neurobiology

Plant Biology

Other (specify below)

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*Other area...*

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Area 1. For your first area of interest above, please explain what interests you about the field.

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List one or more specific faculty or labs at Duke that do research in this area that are of interest to you.

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Area 2. For your second area of interest above, please explain what interests you about the field.

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List one or more specific faculty or labs at Duke that do research in this area that are of interest to you.

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## Research Fellows - Background and Expectations

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4. Why are you interested in doing research this summer? What do you hope to be the best part of the experience?

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5. Please list any previous experiences in research or laboratory science, including work-study jobs, high school or pre-college summer programs. Do not include 'regular' lab courses. *Note: previous research experience is not a requirement to be accepted into this program.*

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## Research Fellows - Qualifications

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6. The Research Fellows application requires a letter of support from an instructor of one of your Duke courses who can speak to your qualification in the sciences or your academic maturity. Letters from graduate teaching assistants are acceptable. Letters should be submitted via the link emailed to the recommender once you submit your application.

From whom should the URS Office expect this letter?

- Recommender First Name \_\_\_\_\_
- Recommender Last Name \_\_\_\_\_
- Recommender Email \_\_\_\_\_
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I agree to waive my right to examine the letter of support.

- Yes
- No
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7. When evaluating your potential as a Research Fellow, we will consider your Duke transcript. Do you wish to make any qualifying comments about your first semester academic performance?

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If you are awarded a Biological Sciences Undergraduate Research Fellowship, the URS Office will need to obtain your Social Security Number for payroll purposes. With your permission, we can gather this information from your student record.

Do you give the URS Office permission to obtain your Social Security Number if you are awarded a BSURF?

Yes

No

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\*International students Only:

International students are required to have a Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) in order to receive a summer stipend. If you do not already have a SSN or ITIN, you will need to apply for one immediately in order to ensure your stipend. In addition, your stipend may be subject to withholding taxes by the IRS. More information at: <http://undergraduateresearch.duke.edu/programs/information-for-international-students>

If you are an international student and awarded a BSURF, do you agree to apply for a SSN or ITIN immediately upon award?

Yes

No

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