



Student and Mentor Information

The Deans Summer Research Application for the Summer of 2024 is now open. The Deadline for submission is February 20, 2024 at 11:59pm. Submission of your application will trigger an email to your mentor for them to submit a recommendation (to the email address you enter under "Faculty Mentor Information"). The Faculty Mentor will also receive a copy of your application. These letters are due February 26th. Applications will be reviewed in early March and notifications will be made after March 15th.

Student Information

Please ensure all identifying information is entered correctly.

First Name

Last Name

Duke Unique ID (Should start with 0 or 1)

Student ID (Should start with 2)

Duke E-Mail

Anticipated Graduation Date. You must be enrolled in courses at Duke in the Fall of 2024 in order to be eligible for this award.

Faculty Mentor Information

A recommendation form is required from the faculty mentor that will oversee your project. They will be asked to assess your preparedness and relevant experience for completing the project, their commitment to providing oversight and feedback to your project, and assistance with resources.

Immediately following your application submission, your mentor will receive an email with instructions for submission, along with a copy of your application answers.

Faculty Mentor First Name

Faculty Mentor Last Name

Faculty Mentor Email

Faculty Mentor Department

African & African American Studies



If other department:

I agree to waive my right to examine the letter of support. It is standard to waive your right to see a recommendation

letter so there is no question about the integrity of the letter.

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Please check the one disciplinary area that best describes your project :

- ☐ Humanities (e.g., Arts & Literature, Languages, Philosophy, History, Religion)
- ☐ Social Sciences (e.g., Cultural Anthropology, Political Science, Economics, Sociology, Public Policy, Education, Psychology)
- ☐ Life Sciences (e.g. Biology, Biochemistry, Neuroscience, Cell & Molecular Biology, Biomedical Sciences)
- ☐ Physical Sciences (e.g., Chemistry, Physics, Earth & Ocean Sciences)
- ☐ Quantitative Sciences (e.g., Math, Statistics, Computer Science)
- ☐ Interdisciplinary

Project Dates (approximate, if specific dates are not known)

Dates must start after spring exams and end before fall classes begin. Date range must not be not shorter than 3 full, 40-hour weeks.

Start Date (mm/dd/yy)

End Date (mm/dd/yy)

Total Number of Full Time Weeks:

Will you also be enrolled in summer courses?

Note that your enrollment dates cannot overlap with your project dates, as it is expected that you can engage fully in your research project only while you are working on it full time.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Location of research project (select all that apply):

Note: On-Campus research is subject to safety restrictions. Click [here](#) for more information.

- ☐ On-Campus Research at Duke University
- ☐ In-Person Research at a US location other than Duke University
- ☐ In-Person Research at an international location (including US territories outside the contiguous 48 states)
- ☐ Virtual Research

In the unlikely event of another pandemic shut-down, Duke University may restrict funding for in-person activities and/or travel.

- ☐ I acknowledge that I may need to adjust my research to virtual work and my use of DSRF funds in the event of changing pandemic conditions according to Duke University policies.

Academic Goals:

Do you expect that this project will contribute to an honors thesis (Graduation with Distinction)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not sure

DSRF Research Proposal

DSRF Research Project Title:



DSRF Research Proposal Abstract (single paragraph, no more than 200 words, no references)

Summarize your general goals and expected outcome.

What do you want to do? Why is it important? What methods will you use? What question(s) will you address?:



What is the current state of the field related to your research question?

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What is your specific research question and how does it engage with or build upon existing research?

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What are the larger implications of your research?



Specific Description of Research Project (approx 500 words):

Describe your specific goals/objectives for this summer's research and provide details on how you will pursue those goals, (i.e. how you will collect data, what methods of analysis you plan to use, your expected outcomes, and how these efforts will fit within your proposed time frame).



Please cite references or provide a bibliography:

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Describe your motivations for research and your interest in engaging in this particular research project:

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Briefly, please describe the research skills that this project will require and outline your qualifications/how you have developed these skills.

Examples: If you are working with a community, please describe any familiarity with language, culture and customs

and other skills which contribute to your qualifications. If you are working in a lab, please describe familiarity with lab protocols and skills.

Please share an example of a setback you have encountered in research and how you were able to find a solution:

Does your research involve animal subjects?
(if yes, please make sure that you or your mentor are in compliance with protocols as established by the Duke Animal Care and Use office.)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Does your research involve human subjects in any way, e.g., interviews, on-line surveys, written questionnaires, photography of subjects, or large amounts of data about people?

Please note: you must submit a first round application to the Institutional Review Board (IRB) before submitting your DSRF application. Click [here](#) for more information.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Have you submitted a first draft application to the IRB?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please do so before completing this application.

No DSRF application involving human subjects will be evaluated or approved until the Institutional Review Board

has confirmed that the applicant has consulted with their office about their research proposal. My protocol for the Institutional Review Board (IRB) is:

- ☐ Submitted, approval pending
- ☐ Submitted and approved
- ☐ Other (please explain):

IRB Protocol Details

Protocol Number:

Protocol Expiration Date (mm/dd/yy):

DSRF is intended to provide funding for educational enrichment opportunities in research for undergraduates. Please list any other sources of funding you have already applied for, intend to apply for or have received. Duke program administrators communicate and coordinate with each other regularly in order to provide summer funds to

as many eligible undergraduates as possible and to prevent duplicative funding.

	Sources & Amounts		
	Source Name	Requested Amount (\$)	How funding will be used
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Additional source 2	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Additional source 3	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Additional source 4	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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- ☐ Click to write Choice 1
- ☐ Click to write Choice 2
- ☐ Click to write Choice 3

Health, Safety, and Agreements

Health & Safety Planning For Research Experiences

Your health and safety needs and concerns merit serious consideration in preparation for your summer research

experience, as you will be responsible for attending to those needs and concerns. You and your parents/legal guardians will also be required to release the University from liability arising from your engagement in your research experience, including for any failure to attend to these needs.

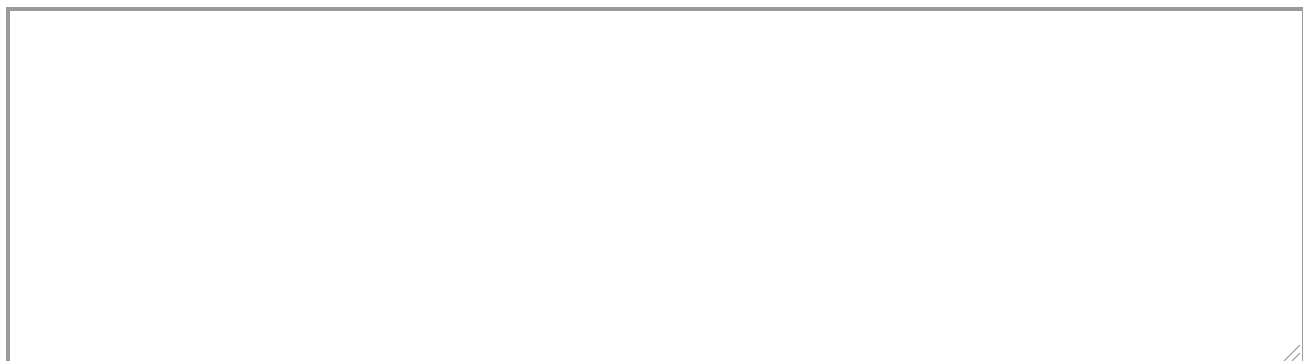
Due to pandemic conditions, award recipients may be required to read and sign a waiver acknowledging acceptance of Duke University restrictions, policies, and procedures related to COVID-19.

- ☐ I understand that I and my parents or legal guardians may be required to sign a liability waiver for participation in DSRF.

When you travel internationally for your research experience, you may find yourself in a setting where you do not have normal access to all of the health care and support you may be accustomed to. Please list any specific health needs or concerns (physical, mental, emotional) you have and the steps you plan to take to care for your health this summer.



When you travel internationally for your research experience, you should be clear about any risks associated with the nature and location of your project. If [U.S. State Department advisories](#) exist for the locations you will be visiting, please describe these warnings and how they relate to what you will be doing (locations, populations, etc.)



Given what you know of the community in which you plan to live and the project you plan to undertake, identify any unique risks you may face, including but not limited to:

food, water, prevalent diseases, COVID-19, transportation safety, crime, gender and sexual orientation violence, terrorism, local laws, political climate/stability, and personal security. Describe any precautions you should take to mitigate those risks.

****Note, DSRF funds will not be provided to students carrying out research within one of the [Duke-defined Restricted Regions](#)**



Transportation can present a significant risk in many countries. Please list your expected modes of transit (private car, taxi, bus, foot, bicycle, etc.) and frequency (daily, weekly, one time, etc.) during your summer research experience.



In event of any illness, injury, accident, or emergency you will need to notify someone who can provide assistance and consent for treatment. Enter your emergency contact information.

Emergency Contact Name

Telephone

Email

Mailing Address

Have you discussed any safety risks with your research mentor or research supervisor?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you discussed any health concerns or safety risks with your parents or legal guardian?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you have health insurance that provides adequate coverage while abroad?

Note: [International SOS](#) is an emergency service provided through the University. However, ISOS is not health insurance. You must print out an ISOS card before you depart to take advantage of this service.

☐ Yes ☐ No

As a student traveling internationally with University funding you must be registered with the Duke University [International Travel](#)

[Registry](https://travel.duke.edu) (travel.duke.edu) and adhere to the [Duke University International Travel Policy](#), particularly as it regards [Duke's Restricted Regions](#).

Are you registered with the Duke International Travel Registry?

Note: Final release of any award funds requires that you submit a copy of your Travel Registry verification to this funding office.

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you are awarded a Deans' Summer Research Fellowship, the URS Office will need to obtain your Social Security Number or ITIN 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 or ITIN if you are awarded a DSRF?

☐ Yes

☐ No (please explain):

The URS Office will need your transcript in order to review your application. With your permission, we can gather this

information from your student record.

Do you give the URS Office permission to obtain your Transcript?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

*International students Only:

Be aware that there can be substantial taxes associated with International students receiving this grant.

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.

If you are an international student and awarded a DSRF, do you agree to apply for a SSN or ITIN?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Not an International Student

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Other (please explain)

Acknowledgment

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I acknowledge that, all information submitted in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. If awarded a Deans' Summer Fellowship, I will use the fellowship exclusively for being able to conduct research, and I will report on my summer research experience in September. I will also present at the Undergraduate Research Symposium the following April.

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Check this box to confirm you are a Duke University student and that you agree to the terms detailed above.

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