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Student Information

Please ensure all identifying information is entered correctly.

First Name

Last Name

Unique ID (Duke Card Number)

Duke Netid

Essay Questions - Please limit your responses to 200 words.

Motivations for Research

What does "Researcher Identity" mean to you, and what would you do to cultivate such an identity in yourself, as you define it?

Motivations for SURF

Why do you want to participate in the SURF program as opposed to just "doing research"?

Evidence of Curiosity, Creativity, and Critical Thinking

Why does research matter? We're looking for evidence of curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking.



Evidence of Resilience and Problem Solving

What accomplishment are you most proud of and describe why it stands out for you given the opportunities available and any barriers you had to navigate?



Research Experience

What have you learned about research since attending Duke, and in what ways did you learn it?



Long-Term Goals

How do you believe SURF will help you in your long-term goals?



Please choose your **top-ranked** area of interest:

- Whole animal biology (e.g. anatomy, behavior, physiology)
- Biochemistry
- Biomedical engineering
- Biostatistics/Bioinformatics
- Cancer Biology
- Cell Biology

- Computational Biology
- Developmental Biology
- Ecology/Field Biology
- Evolutionary Biology
- Genetics/Genomics
- Immunology
- Microbiology
- Molecular Biology
- Neurobiology
- Pharmacology
- Plant Biology
- Other (please specify):

Please choose your **second-ranked** area of interest:

- Whole animal biology (e.g. anatomy, behavior, physiology)
- Biochemistry
- Biomedical engineering
- Biostatistics/Bioinformatics
- Cancer Biology
- Cell Biology
- Computational Biology
- Developmental Biology
- Ecology/Field Biology

- Evolutionary Biology
- Genetics/Genomics
- Immunology
- Microbiology
- Molecular Biology
- Neurobiology
- Pharmacology
- Plant Biology
- Other (please specify):

Please choose your **third-ranked** area of interest:

- Whole animal biology (e.g. anatomy, behavior, physiology)
- Biochemistry
- Biomedical engineering
- Biostatistics/Bioinformatics
- Cancer Biology
- Cell Biology
- Computational Biology
- Developmental Biology
- Ecology/Field Biology
- Evolutionary Biology
- Genetics/Genomics
- Immunology

- Microbiology
- Molecular Biology
- Neurobiology
- Pharmacology
- Plant Biology
- Other (please specify):

Please explain what interests you about the subject areas you chose above:

Are you applying to both SURF programs?

- Yes
- No

If applying to the Social Sciences and Humanities section of SURF, please use this link to

apply: https://duke.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2h1Ygz1swVpc

Research Fellows - Qualifications

The Research Fellows application requires a letter of support from a Duke professor or instructor who can speak to your work ethic, curiosity, interests, motivations, and/or your academic maturity. Letters from graduate teaching assistants are acceptable. A link to submit a letter of support on your behalf will automatically be sent to the recommender email provided below and will include a copy of your essay responses provided above:

Recommender First Name

Recommender Last Name

Recommender Email

I agree to waive my right to examine the letter of support. Please note: it is standard practice for applicants to waive their right to view a letter of recommendation so as not to compromise the integrity of the letter.

Yes No

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

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?

If you are awarded a Summer 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 SURF award?

- Yes No

Are you an international student?

- Yes
 No
 Other (please explain):

*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 SURF award, do you agree to apply for a SSN or ITIN immediately upon award?

Yes No, please explain:

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