A tool to help you navigate getting involved in research at Duke

**SUMMER PLANNING**
Start planning for summer in the fall. Prepare your application materials over winter break. Apply in January, February & March.

**OCTOBER**
- Contact College Advisor to pick spring classes
- Make a DAE appointment to discuss opportunities
- Look for spring research positions on Muser and Duke List
- Attend Majors Fair

**NOVEMBER**
- Visit the Summer Opportunities Fair & apply for those that are of interest
- Visit the Writing Center to get feedback on job letters and program applications
- Talk to current professors about research opportunities if you are interested in their field (VLearn or FLUNCH are great ways to connect with professors)

**DECEMBER - JANUARY**
- Apply for Summer Opportunities
- Work on/submit Summer program applications
- Apply for Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval if you are pursuing an independent study project with human subjects
- Make a DAE appointment to discuss opportunities
- Continue summer program applications
- Attend Applying to Summer BioMed Research Programs Workshop
- Sophomores declare majors before spring break
- Look for summer & fall research positions on Muser and Duke List

**APRIL**
- Visit the Visible Thinking Symposium where URS-funded and honors thesis students present their research
- Visit departmental honors thesis and capstone events and learn about new techniques and research ideas from peers
- Make a plan for pursuing opportunities for next year
- Late May/Early June summer research programs begin

**MAY-JUNE**
- Take a look back on the year and consider this year’s coursework and interests
- Make a plan for pursuing opportunities for next year

**JULY-AUGUST**
- Touch base with an Advisor as summer experiences may change your plans
- Look for fall research positions on Muser and Duke List
- Visit Getting Started in Research Event
- If pursuing independent research, consider methods and where you’ll conduct the research
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