A tool to help you maximize campus research experiences in the context of COVID-19

20-21 CALENDAR FOR
DUKE UNDERGRAD RESEARCH

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER
- Contact College Advisor to pick spring classes
  - Make a DAE appointment to discuss opportunities
- Talk to current professors about research opportunities if you are interested in their field
  We suggest Vlearn or dropping in for virtual office hours
- Look for spring research positions on Muser and Duke List
- Consider Winter Opportunities
- Attend Majors Fair

DECEMBER - JANUARY
- Attend Summer Opportunities Fair
- Work on/submit Summer program applications
- Apply for Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval if you are pursuing an independent study project with human subjects
  - Apply for URS spring semester funding
  - Consider Winter Breakaway
- Attend the Visible Thinking Symposium where URS-funded and honors thesis students present their research
- Attend departmental honors thesis and capstone events and learn about new techniques and research ideas from peers

APRIL
- Look for spring research positions on Muser and Duke List

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
- Late May/Early June summer research programs begin

JULY-AUGUST
- Touch base with an Advisor as summer experiences may change your plans

SEPTEMBER
- If pursuing independent research, consider methods and where you’ll conduct the research
  - Attend Career Fairs
  - Attend “How to Land a Lab” Workshop
- Consider fall research restrictions (via Keep Learning)

EARLY DECEMBER
- Visit the Writing Center to get feedback on job letters and program applications
  - Check to see if summer opportunities deadlines are posted, save interesting ones
  - Be mindful that summer programs may have been changed and may further change because of pandemic restrictions

FEBRUARY-MARCH
- Make a DAE appointment to discuss opportunities
- Continue summer program applications
- Sophomores declare majors before spring break
- Look for summer & fall research positions on Muser and Duke List

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