

The WFIRM 2020 Summer Scholar Program Timeline and FAQs

The following Q&A is intended to provide general information about the Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine Summer Scholars Program 2020 focused on multidisciplinary translational regenerative medicine research.

WFIRM Summer Scholars Program Timeline

Online Application Opens	November 15, 2019
Application Deadline:	January 6, 2020
Notifications Begin	February 17, 2020
Notifications End	All applicants will be notified by March 27, 2020
Program Start Date:	June 1, 2020
Program End Date:	August 7, 2020

How should I respond to the essay questions?

Each of the essay questions should be answered separately with each response limited to 500 words in length.

Do not exceed the word limit.

Are letters of recommendation or transcripts required?

Yes. We must receive an official transcript of your undergraduate study to date and two letters of recommendation before the application deadline.

Who should write a letter of recommendation on my behalf?

Letters of recommendation could be written by professors related to your major, an advisor, and/or department chair.

We encourage you to find individuals who can best speak to your qualifications, character, interest and commitment to engaging in research and advance education and training in STEM disciplines broadly, as well as and to extent possible, regenerative medicine more specifically.

How should I submit my Letter(s) of Recommendation and Official Transcript?

Letters of recommendation and official transcripts may be emailed to summerscholar@wakehealth.edu

Or postal mailed to:

Attention of Joan F. Schanck, MPA, Director, Summer Scholar Program

Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine,

Wake Forest University Health Sciences,

1 Medical Center Boulevard, Winston-Salem, NC 27157-7290

Will I be penalized if my recommendation letter is sent in late?

Yes. All application materials, including letters of recommendation and transcripts, **must be submitted on or before the January 6, 2020 application deadline.** Letters of recommendation will not be accepted after the

due date. Your application will still be reviewed, but you will be penalized for your missing letters of recommendation.

What is the minimum GPA for acceptance?

Cumulative GPA of 2.85 or higher (on the 4.0 scale).

Can I mail a hard copy of my application?

No. We cannot accept hard copies of applications. Only online applications will be reviewed; however, official transcripts and letters of recommendation may be emailed or postal mailed as described above.

Do you have to be a U.S. citizen to apply?

In order to be eligible, you must be U.S. citizen or a permanent resident of the U.S. or be eligible to work in the U.S. at WFIRM for the 10-week summer program. International students who currently have a J-1 or F-1 visa and who are already attending school in the United States are also eligible to apply.

Do you have to be in college to apply?

Yes. You must be currently enrolled at time of application in a degree-granting program at an undergraduate college, community college or university in the U.S., Puerto Rico or other U.S. territory.

Are there any age restrictions?

Yes. Applicants must be 18 years of age on or before the first day of the 10-week summer scholars program, and meet the following additional criteria:

- Have completed at least two semesters of undergraduate education by the start of the 2020 Summer Scholar Program
- Have interest in pursuing graduate or MD degree(s)

When will I be notified of acceptance?

Decisions start mid-February and will continue until all scholars have been selected. Selection usually continues through March. All applicants will be notified by March 27, 2020

What are the dates of the program?

The dates for the program will be between June 1st and August 7th, 2020.

What are the program requirements?

- Orientation
- 10 weeks of research
- Professional development seminars/training/workshops and RME course
- Final Research Day Oral Presentation and Poster

What are the program objectives?

- To introduce students to the field of regenerative medicine and broaden their knowledge
- To enhance students' excitement and sustained interest in research at the intersection of engineering and medicine with focus on the field of regenerative medicine
- To cultivate meaningful relationships between the interns, graduate student and faculty mentors
- To foster skill transference and exposure to modern instrumentation, and rigorous analysis methods
- To educate students about the societal impact of their research
- To provide opportunities to enhance communication skills

- To develop interest and excitement for team-based studies and advanced education

Will I do collaborative or individual work?

There will be opportunities for both collaborative and individual work.

Do I need prior experience in the project research field?

No prior experience is required.

May I also take summer classes?

We strongly prefer for our students to not take summer courses so they can concentrate on the internship and participate in all program activities.

If I've already participated in the WFIRM Summer Scholars Program, can I apply again?

Yes, if you continue to meet all eligibility requirements, you may apply even if you've previously been through the program.

If I cannot stay for the entire duration of the program, may I still apply?

You are required to participate in the full length of the program.

Do I need to bring a car?

We recommend bringing a vehicle; however, carpooling with other students is always possible and there is a shuttle service and public transportation in the region. Past students have found having a car or carpooling advantageous.

I am bringing a car. Do I need to purchase a parking permit?

No. Parking permits will be provided.

Are there any observed holidays during the summer?

Yes, July 4th is an observed holiday.

What type of housing is available

Housing allowance provided based on funding source. Housing is available through the Wake Forest University Reynolda campus (dormitory style) along with other options across the region. Information supplied upon selection.

Are travel expenses covered?

No, travel expenses are not paid by the program.

How much will I be paid?

You will be paid a \$5,000 stipend.

What should I wear?

A business casual dress code is recommended.

How many students typically apply?

More than 400 students applied to the program in 2019.