Guidance for Yale Summer 2021
STEM Research Fellowships
funded through the Office of Science & QR

Students will be allowed on campus to do research in person this summer, however that does not guarantee that the lab you are interested in will be able to host you in person. Labs are still required to follow all pandemic guidelines, including “dedensification” and maintaining proper social distancing. You must discuss with your mentor to determine if you will be able to work in person and abide by any COVID-19 guidelines in place this summer. The ability to perform in-person research is ultimately decided by your lab mentor.

In light of the anticipated continuing challenges of the pandemic and the desire for students to use their COVID-19 course credits, the following options have been implemented for the summer of 2021 only. You will apply for the Yale First-Year Summer Research Fellowship or the Yale College Dean’s Research/Rosenfeld Science Scholar Fellowships as you normally would. If your proposal is selected for funding, we will contact you and ask you to commit to one of the four options below. Note: if you plan to take option 4, you must make the arrangements yourself with Yale Summer Session to take the required Independent Research in the Summer course, IDRS S300.

Students electing to apply for the Yale First-Year Summer Research Fellowship or the Yale College Dean’s Research Fellowship will choose one of the following 4 options:

Option 1: 10 continuous weeks of full-time, in-person research ($4,300 stipend)
- Research start times are flexible, in consultation with your research mentor.
- Students are not allowed to take any summer classes or be employed during the research period.

Option 2: 7 continuous weeks of full-time, in-person research ($3,010 stipend)
- Students are not allowed to take any summer classes or be employed during the research period.
- Students can participate in a Yale Summer Session Program, Session B class after research ends. Session B begins, Monday, July 12.
Option 3: 8 continuous weeks of part-time, remote research ($2,500 stipend)
- Research start times are flexible, in consultation with research mentor.
- Research must be at least 20 hours a week, minimum.
- Students are allowed to concurrently take one Yale Summer Session Program class in Session A and/or Session B.
- Part-time employment is allowed.

Option 4: 10 continuous weeks of in-person research ($2,150 stipend)
- This option is for students who are eligible for YSS COVID-19 Courses. Starting Monday, June 7, students conduct 5 weeks of full-time, in-person research in a lab, funded by the Yale First-Year Summer Fellowship or the Yale College Dean’s Research Fellowship. No classes can be taken during this period, June 7 – July 9.
- After week 5, students must then take the YSS Independent Research in the Summer class, IDRS S300, in Session B and continue 5 additional weeks of research in the same lab.
- Students receive a YSS credit for the IDRS S300 course.
- Students are allowed to use their second COVID-19 credit to take another YSS class in session B, necessary to be eligible for the YSS COVID-19 Housing Subsidy.
- During the 10-week period, students are not allowed to be employed.

Students considering the 2021 STARS Summer Research Program:
- Students can conduct 9 weeks of research either in-person or remotely.
- Students are required to live on the Yale campus.
- Students will take the class SCIE 101, Scientific Research: Process and Presentation, remotely.
- Students will receive a $2,500 stipend and free room, board, and course tuition.

Sincerely,

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