

The following Q&A is intended to provide general information about the Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine Summer Scholars Program 2016 focused on translational regenerative medicine.

WFIRM Summer Scholar Program Timeline

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| On-line Application Opens | December 2 nd , 2015 |
| Application Deadline | February 5, 2016 |
| Notifications Begin | Begins on or before week of March 21 st , |
| Notifications End | All applicants will be notified by April 4th, 2016 |
| Program Start Date | May 31 st , 2016 |
| Program End Date | August 4 th , 2016 |

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.**

Who should write a letter of recommendation on my behalf?

While we cannot recommend who should write a letter of recommendation on your behalf, we encourage you to find individuals who can best speak to your qualifications, character, interest and commitment to engaging in research and advanced education and training in STEM disciplines broadly, as well as and to the extent possible, regenerative medicine more specifically.

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 February 5th 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. Letters of recommendation and transcripts may be emailed to summerscholar@wakehealth.edu or postal mailed to the attention of Joan F. Schanck, MPA, Director, Summer Scholar Program, Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine, Wake Forest University Health Sciences, Medical Center Boulevard, Winston-Salem, NC 27157-7290.

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

In order to be eligible, you must be a 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.

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 a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher (4.0 scale)
- Have completed at least two semesters of undergraduate education by the start of the 2016 Summer Scholar Program
- Have interest in pursuing a PhD and/or MD (or currently pursuing an MD)

Can I mail a hard copy of my application?

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

Is the WFIRM summer scholar program a paid position?

Yes, successful applicants receive a competitive stipend of \$3,500.00.

Is housing provided?

No. Applicants must arrange for their own housing. A wide variety of quality, affordable housing options are available with detailed information posted on our [website](#).

How many people apply to program?

The WFIRM Summer Scholar Program is highly competitive (approximately 10-15 applications per available position) and we are experiencing great enthusiasm this year.