

**RESEARCH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR CURRENT 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS**  
**STEP 1: APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION**

**Student Information**

Legal Last Name	Legal First & Middle Names (as written on birth certificate)	Preferred Name
Email Address		
Residence Address	City	Zip Code
Mailing Address (if different from residence, i.e. P.O. Box)	City	Zip Code
Date of Birth	Current Age	Social Security Number
		<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male Gender
Current School	Grade	Is either parent a Vanderbilt Employee? Indicate name(s).

Has a Vanderbilt scientist agreed to host you? Please indicate their name and email so our staff can verify this information.

Please indicate your areas of interest by ranking your top 4 choices (indicate 1-4 on the provided lines)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Biomedical Sciences<br><input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry<br><input type="checkbox"/> Earth Science/Geology<br><input type="checkbox"/> Ecology<br><input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Math & Computational Science<br><input type="checkbox"/> Microbiology<br><input type="checkbox"/> Molecular Biology<br><input type="checkbox"/> Physics<br><input type="checkbox"/> I would prefer not to work in a lab conducting animal research |
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**Parent/Guardian Information**

**PRIMARY CONTACT**

First Name	Last Name	Email Address
Mailing Address (if different from applicant's)		
City		State
Zip Code		
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Work Phone
Relationship to applicant		Secondary Contact Name and phone number

**STEP 2: APPLICATION & ADMISSIONS AGREEMENT**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The **Research Internship Program at Vanderbilt** is a program designed for highly capable and motivated students currently in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade. The program will require students to be dedicated learners, open to new ideas, diligent in their work habits, intellectually honest, and willing to work collaboratively and respectfully with fellow students and university scientists.

If accepted to the **Research Internship Program**, I agree to the following enrollment conditions:

- Follow the academic and social guidelines established in the **Research Internship Program** and comport myself in accordance with the spirit and regulations of the Vanderbilt community.
- Attend the **full** 6-week program from June 7 to July 16, 2010.
- Be prompt and present for each aspect of the program including weekly breakout sessions, missing only for medical or emergency reasons.
- Report daily to my laboratory for 8 hours per day and a minimum of 40 hours per week, missing only for medical or emergency reasons.
- The undersigned agrees that the information furnished on this application form is accurate and forthcoming. Further, all information and materials of any kind received by the admissions committee from any source, or prepared by anyone at its request, shall be completely confidential and shall not be disclosed to anyone, including the candidate and family, except at the discretion of the Center for Science Outreach staff.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

I understand the above conditions for participation in the program and give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the Vanderbilt University Center for Science Outreach Research Internship Program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent's Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**



### **STEP 4: ESSAY QUESTION**

We are excited that you are applying to the Research Internship Program and would like to get to know you better. Answer the following in an essay of at least 500 words. Essays must be typed using double-spacing. This essay is given strong consideration in your application, so please be thoughtful in your response. Give consideration to grammar and spelling.

**“Describe an event in your life that led to your interest in science.”**

### **STEP 5: TRANSCRIPT**

You must submit an official school transcript with the following information:

- a. Name, social security number, and date of birth
- b. Coursework grades and courses currently attending
- c. PSAT and/or ACT and/or SAT scores

If your school transcript does not include all of this information, ask your guidance counselor to sign a copy of the necessary information and attach it to your transcript.

### **STEP 6: RECOMMENDATION LETTERS**

Submit **two** recommendation letters from:

- a. A current or previous high school science teacher on school letterhead;
- b. Someone other than a relative or teacher who knows you and can support your qualifications for this program. Letterhead is not necessary for this letter, but contact information for the author must be included in the letter.

Letters must be sealed and mailed by the author or, if mailed by the applicant, sealed with the recommender’s signature across the seal.

### **Emails Cannot be Substituted for Mailed Letters**

We suggest that you provide the author with a stamped envelope addressed to:

Vanderbilt Center for Science Outreach  
Attn: Dr. Tiffany Ellis Farmer  
Research Internship Program  
806 Light Hall  
Nashville, TN 37232-0670

**STEP 7: OPTIONAL INFORMATION**

This information will be separated from your application during the review process. It will be used to compile demographical information and for planning purposes should you be accepted to the program.

**Race/Ethnicity**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic or Latino  
 \_\_\_\_\_ American Indian or Alaska Native  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Asian  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Black or African American  
 \_\_\_\_\_ White  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please indicate): \_\_\_\_\_

**Request for Stipend Support**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Mother/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Father/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People in Household \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children/Dependents \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply: (documentation may be requested for verification)

\_\_\_\_\_ Metro Nashville Public School student

\_\_\_\_\_ Free/Reduced Lunch Participant

\_\_\_\_\_ United States Citizen

**On a separate sheet of paper, please explain why you are applying for stipend support and whether there are any special circumstances we should know about.**

**Both the student and a parent must sign the stipend support explanation.**

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submitted by Applicant**

**Requested of Others**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Application for Admission
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Application & Admissions Agreement
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Application Short Answer Questions
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Application Essay
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Transcript (including test scores)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Optional Information (race/ethnicity and stipend support)

- 6.a. Teacher Recommendation Letter  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_
- 6.b. Other Recommendation Letter  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Your application is not complete until **ALL** of the listed materials have been received in the Center for Science Outreach office.

Interviews may be conducted at the discretion of the Research Internship Program admissions staff. Please indicate a telephone number on the line below where you can be reached to arrange an interview.

The deadline for all materials to *reach* the Center for Science Outreach office is  
**5:00 pm on Friday, March 5, 2010.**

**PLEASE PLAN AHEAD:** due to the number of applications, absolutely no exceptions can be made for this deadline (including the recommendation letters). Applications without all parts completed and turned in on time will not be considered.

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