Frequently Asked Questions

**Will I receive a stipend for my summer participation?**
Traditionally all CEYE summer students receive a MetroCard and stipend. This is contingent on funding each year; however, we do anticipate being able to provide this once again for the summer 2018 programs. The amount of each program stipend is still to be determined.

**What if I do not attend a NYC public school? Can I still apply?**
Generally, students attending NYC Public or Charter Schools are our primary target area.

As a point of context, each year we are contracted by the State and Federal Government to support a specific number of students with specific eligibility criteria, which includes attending a NYC Public or Charter School. That being said, we sometimes make exceptions, particularly cases where students who attend a private or catholic school receive a significant financial aid package (documentation is required). Please note that this consideration is always subject to funding and availability.

**What if I am not underrepresented in medicine (URM) or disadvantaged (DA)? Can I still apply?**
Subject to funding and availability, CEYE *may* consider non-URM and non-DA applicants. Please be advised that these limited slots are extremely competitive and are outside of our primary target population.

As a point of context, each year we are contracted by the State and Federal Government to support a specific number of students with specific eligibility criteria, which includes being an Underrepresented Minority (defined as African-American, Latino, Pacific Islander, or Native American) and / or economically disadvantaged (as defined on page 3).

**What if I am an undocumented or DACA student?**
Students are eligible to apply regardless of immigration status. We will neither allow immigration officials on our campuses nor provide them with information about the immigration status of our students without appropriate legal process, such as a warrant or subpoena.

**Will I still receive a stipend as an undocumented or DACA student?**
Unfortunately, we cannot offer undocumented students a stipend, but you will still be eligible to receive a MetroCard.

**What are the times and days of each course?**
The research courses run for around 3 to 4 hours a day, Monday – Friday. In addition to regular coursework, a mandatory college readiness class will take place for one hour each week. The time of the day is still to be determined, however, we anticipate the Fruit Fly Genetics and Genomics Course and Nanotechnology Course to run in the morning from around 10am – 2pm; Zebrafish Toxicology from 1pm – 4pm.

Hospital Placement is usually around 9am – 5pm, however, we do encourage students to be
flexible. For instance, if a procedure or surgery is going on earlier or later, we expect our students to make the most of the opportunity and make alternative arrangements to be there. We also offer professional development and career readiness workshops throughout the program on a sign-up basis.

**Do I have to submit all of my documents by the deadline?**
The (1) online application, (2) essay, (3) letter of recommendation, and (4) school transcript have to be submitted by the deadline. However, we do understand that getting your Medical Certification is contingent upon your doctor’s availability, so you may submit that up to 2 weeks after the application deadline. Proof of meeting the economic eligibility criteria may also be submitted up to 2 weeks after the application deadline.

**Can I submit a report card instead of a transcript?**
No, we ask that you please submit a copy of your latest transcript. If your school does not provide transcripts, please let us know via email at CEYE@mssm.edu.

**Can I apply to more than one program?**
Yes, but we ask that you only submit ONE application and rank your preferences on the “program interest” line.

**Can I apply to the program if I am currently in the 12th grade?**
Our summer program is geared for current 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students. We encourage you to apply; however, please be advised that available slots for current seniors are limited and therefore, *extremely competitive*. Should you go on to apply, we suggest that you provide *more than one* letter of recommendation.