



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. What are the HHMI High School Scholars program dates?**

The program runs for seven weeks starting in early June and ending in late July. Please check our website for exact dates.
- 2. How competitive is the program? About how many students are accepted?**

The HHMI High Scholars program is highly competitive. We receive over 75 applications for 20 slots (10 public school students and 10 private school students). Please ensure we receive your complete application by the due date listed on our website.
- 3. What are my lab hours?**

This is a full time program. You will work in your lab Monday to Friday for approximately eight hours each day with a one hour break for lunch. Lab hours will be set by your mentor and may vary depending on your research.
- 4. Is attendance mandatory?**

Yes, attendance is mandatory.
- 5. What is the cost of the program?**

There is no cost. Public school students receive a stipend and private school students receive community service hours.
- 6. Can students outside of Miami-Dade County participate?**

No, we only accept students that attend high school in Miami-Dade County.
- 7. Are students provided transportation?**

Students are reimbursed for their metro-rail passes for the months of June and July.
- 8. Are parking costs covered?**

No, we don't cover the cost of parking.
- 9. How are mentors chosen?**

Mentors are chosen based on students' research interests. Because there are a limited number of mentors available during the summer, students must list several areas of interest and be very specific about their research interests when filling out the application.
- 10. When will I know who my mentor is?**

You will learn who your mentor is during the orientation meeting held before the program begins. You will learn about your research project once you begin working in the lab.
- 11. Will I have library access?**

Yes, you will have access to the Richter Library on the Coral Gables Campus.

12. How long does my research paper have to be?

You will submit a co-authored 10-12 page research report in scientific journal format at the end of the seven weeks. The report should include the following sections:

- (1) Abstract
- (2) Introduction
- (3) Methods and Materials
- (4) Results
- (5) Discussion
- (6) Literature Cited

13. How will I orally present my research?

At the end of the program each team will be required to present their research at a UM research symposium.

14. Will there be regular meetings?

Yes, students will meet once a week with the program director.

15. How will I know if my application is received?

You will be sent a confirmation email once we have received your application.