**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. Students work in their labs Monday through Friday for approximately eight hours each day with a one-hour break for lunch. Lab hours are set by the research mentors and may vary depending on the research project.

4. **Is attendance mandatory?**
   Yes, attendance each day of the program 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 schools in Miami-Dade County.

7. **Are students provided transportation?**
   Students are reimbursed for weekly metro-rail passes at the K-12 discounted rate for each week of the program.

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 as specific as possible about their research interests when filling out the application. Every attempt will be made to match students with mentors whose research aligns with students’ interests as closely as possible, but we cannot guarantee the availability of mentors in specific areas.

10. **When will I know who my mentor is?**
    You will learn who your mentor is during the mandatory 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, students will be granted access to the Richter Library on the Coral Gables Campus upon request.

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 will include the following sections:

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

13. How will I present my research?
   At the end of the program each team is required to present their research at a UM summer 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?
   Students will be sent a confirmation email once we have received your application.

16. When will I be notified if I am accepted into the program?
   Applicants will be notified of their acceptance status by the end of April.