2020 St. Bonaventure University Summer Research Program for High School Students (SBU-SRPHS)

Application Deadline: Friday, April 3, 2020
Announcement of Acceptance: Friday, April 17, 2020
Program Dates: Monday, July 20 – Friday, July 31, 2020 (2 weeks)
Approximately 9AM-4PM, but can be flexible

One-on-one research opportunities with SBU faculty
Different STEM career talks
Celebrate project completion with families and friends

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Program Description

Are you a high school junior or sophomore interested in the natural sciences and wanting to go to college? Then consider a research experience by working side by side with St. Bonaventure University faculty on an authentic research project.

Your research experience will take place in research laboratories on the SBU campus. A faculty mentor will work alongside with you on a cutting-edge science topic. Scientists from different natural science fields will come to meet you, share their insights in your future career and give you advice on how to prepare for your future success.

You will conclude your research experience by presenting your own project in front of your families and friends, as well as SBU community. Here you will hone your scientific communication skill and make your family proud. Throughout the program you will have the opportunity to bond with peers who have the same interest in science and passionate scientists who you interact with.

Program Eligibility

Applicants must be completing high school sophomore or junior year in summer 2020.

Application Submission

To apply, prepare the following:

1. A copy of your high school transcript.
2. A one-page personal statement describing why you want to apply to this program.
3. Rank your top three areas of interest from any of the followings:
   - Biology, Biochemistry, Bioinformatics, Developmental Biology, Microbiology, Molecular Genetics, Neuroscience, Chemistry, Engineering, Magnetic Nanophysics

        See a list of faculty research descriptions are on the next page.

If you need housing accommodation, please state so in your application. This is not a residential program, but there are a few options for students in need to consider.

Fee: $100/participant is due upon confirmation of acceptance by May 3rd, 2020.

Please send your application materials electronically to:

Dr. Xiao-Ning Zhang
Professor of Biology, Director of Biochemistry Program
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See program highlights from past years at www.sbu.edu/hsstudentresearch.
Faculty Research Descriptions:

Mr. Tae Cooke: Do you like Arduino microcontrollers, LED lights and electric motors? Or do you want to learn more about these and other low-voltage electronics? Learn or advance your understanding of these devices and leave with a project of your own choosing & design!

Dr. Kaitlyn Dykstra: In our lab we study how leukemia develops and is maintained at the cellular level by looking at what genes are turned on in the presence of certain mutations using molecular genetics approaches and the biochemistry of leukemia cells by looking at different ways their growth is fueled.

Dr. Audrey Hager: My research is focused on neuroscience by examining neuroplasticity or how networks in the brain change in relation to cognitive processes such as learning, memory and attention.

Dr. James Pientka: My current research primarily focuses on computational and theoretical studies of magnetic nanophysics.

Dr. Sean Ryan: Wastewater disinfection byproducts that enter into aquatic ecosystems could affect normal embryonic development in zebrafish. This project will explore potential developmental defects using bioinformatic and molecular genetic approaches.

Dr. Johanna Schwingel: Microbial communities work together to foster helpful (ex. decomposition and health) or harmful (ex. infection and corrosion) outcomes. This project will examine bacterial communities using microbiology, bioinformatics, and molecular genetics.

Dr. Scott Simpson: I use density functional theory (DFT) calculations to study the interaction between molecules and surfaces for applications in catalysis. These calculations require a supercomputer to run and divulge important information about chemistry!

Dr. Xiao-Ning Zhang: Reproductive success is key to the continuation of any living species. This project will investigate genes that contribute to pollen fertility using bioinformatics, biochemistry and molecular genetics approaches.