Application for Participation in the 2015 Summer Training in Alcohol Research (STAR) Program

Kentucky Alcohol Research Group, University of Kentucky

Participation in undergraduate research is highly recommended for anyone seriously considering graduate studies in (Ph.D.) in STEM fields – Science, Technology, Engineering or Math. We offer a 10-week paid laboratory experience for talented undergraduate students interested in gaining research experience in alcohol-related disorders such as alcoholism, fetal alcohol syndrome, cancer and pain. Some flexibility in the scheduling of summer research may be possible, but students typically participate between mid-May and mid-August. **Selection of students for the program is based on 1) a complete application, 2) reference letters, 3) transcripts/academic standing and 4) statement of career goals.**

Part I. General Information (Please print or type)

Name: _____
College or University Currently Attending: _____
Major: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Telephone Number: _____
e-mail address: _____

Answers to the following questions are helpful but optional:

Are you Hispanic/Latino? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What is your race?
You may select more than one.

☐ American Indian/ Alaska Native
☐ Asian
☐ Black / African American
☐ Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
☐ White

Part II. Academic Information

1. Current academic classification (freshman, sophomore or junior)_____.

2. Current GPA: _____ ***Please include a copy (or photocopy) of your academic transcripts***

3. List any academic awards and honors (i.e., Dean's List, scholarships)

Part III. Recommendation Letters

Please arrange for **two** faculty members who are acquainted with your academic and/or research performance to fill out the form below and/or provide a letter of recommendation. They should **mail the form (or email) directly to the address at the bottom of the form**.

Part IV. Specific Information

Identify the three research areas/laboratories that you are most interested in exploring during the summer 2015 STAR Program. Rank your order of preference from 1 to 3. Follow the links to learn more about the faculty who do research in these areas.

Human Behavior

____Addiction - Human Behavioral Pharmacology
____Drug Abuse Liability & Sensation Seeking
____Alcoholism – Risk factors for early onset
____Alcoholism – Family & Child Interactions
____Alcoholism - Drug Expectancies & Risk Factors

Biomedical

____Fetal Alcohol Syndrome – behavior/drug discovery
____Fetal Alcohol Syndrome – cellular neuroscience
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____Neuropharmacology – alcohol & nicotine interactions
____Alcoholism - pancreatitis/pain
____Alcoholism – cellular neuroscience/drug discovery

Describe any previous research or laboratory experiences you may have had.

Describe your long-term career goals and how spending the summer doing research may help you attain those goals. Please include any other relevant information that the committee should consider in making their decision.

Part V. Return this application form and all materials by email to:

Ms. Catina Rossoll
UK STAR Coordinator
UK.STAR@uky.edu
859.257.1998

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: __March 9th, 2015_____
NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE: __early April 2015_____

The University of Kentucky is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Applications are invited from all qualified people regardless of race, sex, or age; minorities are especially encouraged to apply.