The Jackuelyn Harris HS STAR Program seeks highly talented and motivated under represented high school students for a paid five week internship in ongoing aging research. HS STAR is designed to provide exceptional students with the opportunity to learn and practice the day-to-day activities of an established research program and hands-on research experience in a stimulating environment. The long-term goal of the program is to encourage students to consider careers in the field of aging research.

Interns work under the leadership of a faculty mentor who is an experienced research scientist. Students join a research group and work on a project for thirty to thirty-five hours per week. Since interns join ongoing research, each year’s projects are unique. In the past, students have worked in wet labs and computer labs, visited seniors to teach them how to use research equipment, translated research materials from English to Spanish, completed literature reviews, obtained consent of research participants, shadowed researchers, as well as a variety of other activities. Students also participate in organized group activities, lectures and tours to give them broad exposure to the vast field of aging research. Students are matched with mentors based on expressed research interests in the field of aging.

At the end of the session, interns make a presentation to university staff and researchers, provide a written report of their summer activities, and complete an evaluation of the program.

**TO APPLY**

Visit [https://healthsciences.ucsd.edu/research/aging/training/Pages/For-High-School-Students.aspx](https://healthsciences.ucsd.edu/research/aging/training/Pages/For-High-School-Students.aspx) for application and teacher evaluation forms.

Applicants must submit the following:

- Completed application form
- Two-page personal statement
- Current transcript
- Teacher evaluation form/letter

**FORWARD APPLICATION MATERIALS TO**

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Application Deadline: April 3, 2017

Selected applicants will be notified by May 15, 2017

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- Application Deadline: April 3, 2017
- 2017 Internship: Friday July 7–Friday August 11

**PROGRAM BENEFITS**

- A successful research mentor
- Increased knowledge of aging research
- $1600 stipend upon successful completion
- Access to professional network of researchers
- Develop research and critical thinking skills
- Guidance and advice regarding career goals
- Develop contacts for letters of recommendation
- Possible future job opportunities
- Building your resume

**ELIGIBILITY**

HS STAR internships are awarded competitively to under represented high school juniors and seniors whose parents are not graduates of a four-year college or university and who demonstrate an interest in aging research.

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

Applicants will be chosen on the basis of:

- Academic achievement
- Relative career objectives
- Interest in aging research