

Salk EDGE Summer Research Program Terms and Conditions

Program Overview and Eligibility

1.1. The Salk EDGE (Elevate Diversity in Graduate Education) summer research program is designed to support graduate students currently enrolled in PhD programs across the country. The program aims to provide an immersive research experience at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies (Salk).

1.2. Eligible participants must be graduate students pursuing a PhD in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics) field and consider themselves underrepresented in STEM.

Program Duration

2.1. The Salk EDGE program will run for a duration of two weeks, as specified in the program announcement.

2.2. The students are expected to arrive in San Diego on Friday July 19th. They are expected to take part in all on-site and off-site events between July 19th – August 2nd. They will return home on August 3rd.

Selection Process

3.1. Admission to the Salk EDGE program is competitive and based on the evaluation of application materials, including but not limited to academic qualifications, research interests, and personal statements.

Program Benefits

4.1. Accepted participants will receive full program funding, including travel expenses and lodging during their stay at the Salk Institute.

4.2. Each participant will be awarded a \$2,000 pilot grant to be used for implementing new research techniques in their PhD labs upon their return.

4.3 Participants in the Salk EDGE program shall not be considered agents or employees of Salk by virtue of their participation the program.

Program Requirements

5.1. Participants are expected to actively engage in their chosen research topic and learn from Salk Institute scientists during the program.

5.2. Participants must adhere to all program schedules, including attending mandatory lectures, workshops, and research activities.

5.3. Participants are encouraged to maintain a positive and respectful learning environment, showing professionalism and courtesy towards fellow participants, program staff, and Salk Institute scientists.

5.4. Participants are responsible for any additional expenses not explicitly covered by the program.

5.5 Participants are expected to continue to engage with the Salk EDGE program by communicating via email and zoom chat check ins after the program ends. This will help The Salk EDGE program continue to facilitate networking and mentorship with the students.

Travel and Lodging

6.1. Air and ground travel to The Salk Institute will be covered by The Salk EDGE program. Participants must book their own travel and provide all receipts to The Salk EDGE program. Reimbursable costs include economy airfare, rideshare fares to and from the airport, gas costs for participants that choose to drive instead of fly.

6.2. Lodging will be provided in UCSD dorms. Students may have 1 or more roommates depending on availability. The dorms are a 10-minute walk to The Salk Institute. Students are expected to walk to and from The Salk Institute each day and ground transportation will not be reimbursed daily. However, EDGE-planned excursions outside of The Salk Institution or UCSD will be covered. Students need to provide Uber/Taxi/Train receipts.

6.3. The students are responsible for food related expenses. The dorms are fully equipped with kitchen supplies.

Pilot Grant Funding Requirements

7.1. Upon completion of the Salk EDGE program, a pilot grant of \$2,000 will be administered to the students home institution

7.2. These funds are intended for the student to employ new technology during their PhD studies. The funds must be used by the PhD students home lab and can be used to purchase reagents, supplies, or recharges for shared facilities.

7.3. The funds cannot be used to support salary of the student or other personnel, animal costs, or travel.

Thesis Advisor Responsibilities

8.1. The thesis advisor will send a 1 page progress report within 12 months of receiving the funds detailing how the funds were used.

8.2. The thesis advisor and/or the student will acknowledge the Salk EDGE program in all subsequent publications and talks that resulted from these pilot funds.

8.3. The thesis advisor will not subtract any vacation time for the student to attend the Salk EDGE program.

Intellectual Property

9.1. The Salk Institute retains ownership of any intellectual property generated during in the Salk EDGE program.

Liability and Insurance

10.1. The Salk Institute and its affiliates are not liable for any accidents, injuries, or loss of personal property that may occur during the program. All participants will be required to sign Salk's Waiver and Release of Liability, Certification and Image Release agreement.

10.2. Participants are encouraged to carry their own health and travel insurance.

Code of Conduct

11.1. Participants are expected to adhere to the Salk Institute's code of conduct and ethical standards during their participation in the program.

Cancellation

12.1. The Salk Institute reserves the right to cancel or modify the program at its discretion. In the event of cancellation, participants will be notified promptly.

Privacy

13.1. The Salk Institute will collect and store personal information provided by participants for program administration purposes. This information will be kept confidential and used only for program-related activities.

Changes to Terms and Conditions

14.1. The Salk Institute reserves the right to amend or update these terms and conditions. Participants will be informed of any changes in advance.

By applying to the Salk EDGE summer research program, participants agree to abide by these terms and conditions.

For questions or concerns, please contact:

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