



SURF Scoring Rubric

Criteria	Emerging (1)	Good (2)	Outstanding (3)
Internship Goals Explain why you wish to participate in the Salk SURF program. How will this internship augment, or differ from, the hands-on research opportunities available at your home institution?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not clearly explain why they wished to participate in the SURF internship. • Does not describe relevant ways that they believe this experience will be of value to them. • Grammar and/or spelling may have needed correction or revision. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The explanation of why they wished to participate in the SURF internship is adequate. • Describes relevant ways that they believe this experience will be of value to them. • Uses appropriate style and grammar throughout. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offers a clear explanation of why they wished to participate in the SURF internship. • Describes relevant ways that they believe this experience will be of value to them. • Well written, with outstanding organization and grammar use.
Research Interest You had an opportunity to select your research interests. Please explain your STEM career goals and how your ranked preferences align with those goals. Briefly share how you have developed your interest in pursuing a STEM career (for example: reading research journals, watching scientific videos, attending seminars, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not clearly explain their STEM career goals. • Discussion surrounding how the project they ranked #1 used poor and unclear examples. • No examples of how they have developed their interest in pursuing a career in STEM were provided. • Grammar and/or spelling may have needed correction or revision. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequately explains STEM career goals. • Discusses how their research interests relate to their goals using relevant examples. • Provides examples of how they have developed their interest in pursuing a career in STEM. • Uses appropriate style and grammar throughout. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides a lucid and detailed explanation of their STEM career goals. • Discusses applicable reason(s) for why they selected their research interests. Clearly expresses relations to STEM goals. • Shares clear examples of how they have developed their interest in pursuing a STEM career.