



Student Advancement Research (StAR) Program 2021

Manulife Kids Science & Technology is an outreach program created by The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) to promote science by educating and inspiring youth with interactive experiences. At SickKids, we believe in supporting all young people in their pursuit of knowledge and are strongly committed to diversity and inclusion.

The **Student Advancement Research (StAR)** program provides Black, Filipino, and Indigenous (First Nations [status or non-status], Inuk, Métis peoples) high school students with a first-hand perspective of the research currently underway at SickKids over 6 weeks in the summer.

****Please note that due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 version of the StAR program will take place entirely online and have fewer available spots than usual. The research work will be adjusted to fit the virtual component, but it is still a paid program where students will learn research skills, work on a project with the guidance of their research mentor(s), and share what they have learned by presenting their projects at a virtual Research Showcase. ****

Program Location and Duration

The StAR Program will be held from **July 5th to August 13th 2021** virtually from home for 5 days/week and 7 hours/day.

Compensation

Students will be paid \$15/hr.

Student Application

Students who wish to participate in the program must submit:

- Part A (General Information) & Part B (Demographic Information) of the Application Package
- A copy of their most recent high school transcript
- Two references (for example: a teacher and a past employer) with their name, phone number, and email address
- A brief resume including: contact info (phone and email), current address, high school they are attending, as well as past work and volunteer experiences
- **A 300-500 word essay OR a 3-5 minute video (provide link to view video) answering the following question:**
 - How would you use science to impact or empower your community?**
- We also encourage Indigenous students to self-identify within their application

Applications must be emailed to: **kidsscience@sickkids.ca** before **11:59 pm on March 21, 2021**. A select number of students will be chosen for virtual with SickKids in early Spring, and students will be selected for the program by end-of-April 2021

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- At least 16 years old by start date (July 5, 2021) and in high school in grade 11 or 12
- Black, Filipino, or Indigenous
- Must have previously taken grade 11/12 Biology and Chemistry
- Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident (must have a valid SIN card)



Part A: General Information

Name (First) (Last) (MI)

Age Gender Telephone Number

Email Address Alternate Email Address

Address (Apt #)

(City) (Province) (Postal Code)

Part B: Demographic Information

If you would like to self-identify as Indigenous (includes First Nations [status or non-status], Inuk, and Métis peoples) for the purpose of this program, please check the box below:

Yes, I do identify as Indigenous