



Student Advancement Research (StAR) Program 2022

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 COVID-19 pandemic, the 2022 version of the StAR program may take place online. If need be, the work will be adjusted to fit the virtual component, but will still be a paid program where students will learn research skills, work on a research project with the guidance of their lab mentor(s), and share what they have learned by presenting their projects at a virtual Research Showcase. We hope that we will be able to resume in-person participation, and will update all selected students if needed****

Program Location and Duration

The StAR Program will be held from **July 4th to August 12th 2022** for 5 days/week and 7 hours/day.

Compensation

Students will be paid \$15/hr by SickKids. Public transportation costs to and from SickKids and/or the PGCRRL will also be covered if needed for your position.

Student Application

Students who wish to participate in the program must submit:

- Part A (General 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
- **Please write a short essay (500 words max.) and/or create a creative project (i.e. video, painting, drawing, song, poem, etc.) that answers the following question:**
How would you use science to impact or empower your community?
- We also encourage Indigenous students Indigenous (First Nations [status or non-status], Inuk, and Métis peoples) to self-identify within their application

Applications must be emailed to: **kidsscience@sickkids.ca** before **11:59 pm on February 27, 2022**. A select number of students will be chosen for virtual with SickKids in early Spring, and 10-12 students will be selected for the program by mid-April 2022.

Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- At least 16 years old by start date (July 4, 2022) and in high school in grade 11 or 12
- Black, Filipino, and Indigenous (includes First Nations [status or non-status], Inuk, Métis peoples)
- Must have previously taken grade 11/12 Biology and Chemistry
- Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident (must have a valid SIN card)
- Able to complete an immunization form when accepted into the program



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: Important Details

Application due date: Sunday, February 27, 2022 at 11:59 pm.

Please attach all aspects of your application (Part A: General Information, high school transcript, references, resume, and creative project/essay), to an email and sending it to: kidsscience@sickkids.ca.

Please do not use Google Docs. Please attach all documents to the email.

In the email subject heading please have the following: **StAR Program Application 2022 - YOUR NAME.**

If your creative component is a drawing or art piece, please attach a photo of the piece in the email, with an explanation of what it is.

If it is a multimedia piece, such as a video, please provide a video link.

All applicants will receive an email informing them if they have been selected for an interview