



## Student Advancement Research (StAR) Program 2020

Manulife Kids Science 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 we are strongly committed to diversity and inclusion.

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

Students will work full-time as part of this **paid research internship** program, and will take on a small research project with the guidance of their lab mentor(s). At the end of their internship, the students will share what they have learned by presenting their projects at the Research Showcase at SickKids.

### Program Location and Duration

The StAR Program will be held from July 2, 2020 to August 14, 2020 at SickKids, 555 University Avenue and/or at the Peter Gilgan Centre for Research and Learning (PGCRL), 686 Bay Street, for 5 days/week and 7 hours/day.

### Compensation

Students will be paid \$14/hr by SickKids. Public transportation costs to and from SickKids and/or the PGCRL will also be covered.

### Student Application

Students who wish to participate in the program must be referred by their teacher or community group leader and 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
- **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 (includes First Nations [status or non-status], Inuk, and Métis peoples) to self-identify within their application

Applications must be emailed to: [kidsscience@sickkids.ca](mailto:kidsscience@sickkids.ca) before **11:59 pm on February 23, 2020**. A select number of students will be chosen for interviews at SickKids in March, and 8-10 students will be selected for the program by April 2020.

### Eligibility

Applicants must be:

- At least 16 years old by start date (July 2, 2020) and in high school in grade 11 or 12
- Black, Filipino, and Indigenous (includes First Nations [status or non-status], Inuk, and 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: 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 identify as Indigenous (includes First Nations [status or non-status], Inuk, and Métis peoples)



## Summary

**Application due date: 11:59 pm on February 23, 2020.**

Please hand in application **PART A: General Information, PART B: Demographic Information** (if applicable), and your **300-500 word essay OR a 3-5 minute video (provide link to view video)** by attaching them to the email and sending it to: [kidsscience@sickkids.ca](mailto: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 2020 - YOUR NAME.**

Please Note: If the creative component is a drawing or art piece, please attach a photo of the piece in the email, with an explanation.

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

You may also mail applications to:

David Manly  
Division of Nephrology  
555 University Avenue  
Toronto, Ontario  
M5G 1X8

Fax applications to: 416-813-6271. In the subject heading please have the following: **ATTN: David Manly, StAR 2020 Program**

To make an appointment to drop off application in person, please email: [kidsscience@sickkids.ca](mailto:kidsscience@sickkids.ca).

**Students selected for interviews will be chosen based on their entries.  
Final admission will be based on interviews, as well as the application**

**All applicants will be notified whether or not they have been chosen for the 2020 StAR Program.**