

**APPLICATION FORM:**

**High School Mentorship Program in Molecular Biology**

An NSF-funded program hosted by the Barkan laboratory, Institute of Molecular Biology,  
University of Oregon

This program offers highly achieving, local high school students the opportunity to participate in small research projects in molecular biology in our laboratory at the University of Oregon. It is offered in conjunction with research grants from the National Science Foundation. We can sponsor four pairs of students each summer. Participants will spend twelve hours/week in the lab for four weeks during the month of July, and will work closely with researchers who have experience mentoring high school students.

**APPLICANTS MUST HAVE COMPLETED 1 YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL BIOLOGY BY THE START OF THE MENTORSHIP. Preference will be given to students who have also completed 1 year of high school chemistry.**

Name	
First:	Last:

High School:	Date of Graduation:
Date of completion of H.S. Biology:	
Date of completion of H.S. Chemistry:	

Email address:
Home phone: cell phone:

Address:		
Street:		
City:	State:	Zip code:

Date of Birth:	Citizenship:
Gender (please check one) <input type="checkbox"/> male <input type="checkbox"/> female	

<b>Race/Ethnic Background</b> (please check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> African American, <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic, <input type="checkbox"/> non-Hispanic white, <input type="checkbox"/> Native American, <input type="checkbox"/> Asian, <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander, <input type="checkbox"/> Alaskan Native, <input type="checkbox"/> other <input type="checkbox"/> decline response
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<b>Do you claim disadvantage status?</b> (Please check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> No, <input type="checkbox"/> first generation to attend college <input type="checkbox"/> low income <input type="checkbox"/> other <b>If checked other, please explain:</b>

*Special consideration will be given to applicants who may have only limited access to educational opportunities outside of school, who may be the first generation to consider attending college, and for whom this experience could open doors that would otherwise remain shut.*

Are you eligible for the free/reduced lunch program? (Please check one):

\_\_\_\_ Yes, \_\_\_\_ No

If you checked yes, please provide documentation.

**You will need a letter of nomination and a letter of recommendation:**

**Nomination:** Letter from the teacher who nominated you for this program.

Teacher's name:

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one: nomination is \_\_\_\_ included, or \_\_\_\_ will be sent separately

**Recommendation:** A letter from a teacher or an employer

Teacher/ employer's name:

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one: recommendation is \_\_\_\_ included, or \_\_\_\_ will be sent separately

Please include an unofficial copy of your transcript including current classes.

Please write an essay (500 words or less) describing your background, your interest in life sciences and why you think this program will be helpful to you.

**Checklist:**

- \_\_\_\_ complete two-page application
- \_\_\_\_ Letter of nomination and letter of recommendation (2 letters total)
- \_\_\_\_ Unofficial copy of transcript
- \_\_\_\_ Copy of current schedule
- \_\_\_\_ Documentation of free or reduced lunch program if applicable
- \_\_\_\_ 500 word or less essay

**Please mail to:**

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