Health Researchers Youth Academy
June 11 - June 30, 2017

AHEC Health Careers Program
An Equal Opportunity University
Are you serious about considering a health care profession?
Have you ever considered health care research?

The Health Researchers Youth Academy is a three-week residential camp hosted by the University of Kentucky Area Health Education Center that provides an opportunity to learn about the vast array of careers and opportunities available in health care research. The program also provides participants with the chance to learn some of the requirements for majors leading to a health career. In short, students get to ‘experience college before college’.

Health Researchers Youth Academy Highlights
During the three-week camp, students will:
• become familiar and comfortable with UK’s campus and its facilities
• observe and learn from UK faculty, health professionals and health research assistants
• participate in an educational curriculum and have various hands-on activities
• take two structured academic courses
• develop their very own poster presentation based on their research conducted during their three weeks on campus
• learn first-hand from faculty and students what it takes to succeed as a health professions student
• experience various hands-on activities and exposure to an array of health professions
• have the opportunity to meet peers from around the state of Kentucky who are interested in pursuing a health career

This is a rewarding experience and a unique opportunity for the serious student to explore the research segment of health careers and prepare for the transition into the university setting.

Educational Activities
Because we recognize the relationship between academic preparation and success in most health professions, students will participate in lectures/labs in Physiology as well as research methods/literature review strategies and interact with representatives from various health care professions. During these segments, practicing health professionals or health professions students will be available to discuss their profession and educational requirements. There is also a possibility of students completing and receiving their CPR certification.

Poster Presentation
During the three-week camp, participants will work in teams with guidance from research faculty to develop a health related poster presentation. Students are provided with access to university libraries and other research mechanisms and resources needed to complete their poster presentation project.

Eligibility
Kentucky high school students who are currently enrolled in 11th grade (juniors).

Selection Process
A Selection Committee consisting of faculty and staff from UK and U of L AHEC offices, along with community faculty and other university student affairs staff and partners will carefully review each student’s application material. Every effort will be made to give applicants a decision notification no later than the end of April, beginning of May. Please ensure that the contact information included on the application is accurate. No paper applications will be accepted.

All application materials must be received by the UK AHEC office by Monday, March 6, 2017
Upon receipt of application materials, you will receive an email at the email address indicated on the application form. Please make sure this email address is correct and that it is an email account that is regularly checked.

Apply online at: https://medicine.mc.uky.edu/UKAHECCamp

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