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## Health Researchers Youth Academy June 12 - July 1, 2022

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## Step into the life of an UK Researcher

# Are you considering pursuing a health care profession? Have you considered health care research?

The Health Researchers Youth Academy is a threeweek residential camp hosted by the University of Kentucky Area Health Education Center that provides an opportunity to have an immersive experience in health care research by world class UK researchers and clinicians. 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 world class health research assistants
- participate in an educational curriculum and have various hands-on activities
- take two structured academic courses
- conduct health care research with a mentor
- learn first-hand from faculty and students what it takes to succeed as a health professions student
- immersive experiences 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 and staff 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 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, February 28, 2022.

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://meded.med.uky.edu/ukcompipeline

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