

Advice from the mentors

We are looking for motivated and curious applicants that can think and express themselves logically. You do NOT have to have a high GPA, previous lab experience, or be a superstar... just be you. Be sure to use your answers to tell us who you are.

It is recommended to take your time to answer each of the application questions thoughtfully and thoroughly. You will be compared to all other applicants based upon the answers you give...make sure we learn about who YOU are and what you are interested in through your answers. Don't BS your way through the answers or give the answer that you think we want to read.

Incomplete sentences, spelling errors, and poorly thought-out responses will NEGATIVELY affect the review of your application as will a failure to adhere to the word limit. Therefore, to prevent mistakes, it is STRONGLY RECOMMENDED to compose your answers in a word processing program, and then paste them into the application. Be sure to have an adult (e.g. your parents, high school counselor, or mentor) read through your application PRIOR to submission.

Ask your letter writers for a letter of recommendation AT LEAST three weeks before you need the letter. Give them time to compose a good and thoughtful letter on your behalf. Give your letter writers information about the program, and then ask that they connect what they write about you with the mission of the program.

If you have questions, please ask! Direct all questions to Dr. Amanda Purdy at tripinitiative@gmail.com. Please use **TRIP@TU'21** in the subject line of all emails regarding the 2021 TRIP summer program.

