TEEN RESEARCH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Essay questions for 2027 TRIP Signature at WTHS Application

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

Take your time to answer each of the following questions thoughtfully and thoroughly. You will be compared to all other applicants based upon the answers given here; therefore, make sure we learn about who YOU are and what you are interested in. Don't BS your way through the answers or give the answer you think we want to read. Be sure to explain yourself FULLY. Don't make the reviewers guess at what you mean--be clear.

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

BE HONEST IN YOUR RESPONSES. APPLICANTS SUSPECTED OF AI GENERATED RESPONSES MAY BE DISQUALIFIED FROM THE PROGRAM.

Use the 250-word limit! Don't miss an opportunity to tell us about yourself.

For each questions, limit your response to 250 words or less.

1. Why do you want to participate in TRIP, and how do you hope it will influence your future studies or career goals?
2. What sparked your interest in science or research? Describe a specific moment, experience, or person that inspired you, and explain why it made an impact.
3. What is a topic (it doesn't have to be science related) that you learned about simply because you were curious about it. Why did it pique your interest? Explain both the concept and its appeal in terms simple enough for a 10-year-old to understand.
4. If you could design an experiment to answer any question about the natural world (no budget or equipment limits), what would you study and why?
5. Research often involves setbacks and unexpected results. Describe a time you faced a challenge while working on a project or learning something new. How did you respond, and what did you take away from the experience?
6. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.