Science Quest immerses students in various bench and field laboratories to stimulate interest and appreciation for the range of college and career opportunities available in science. Students live in a campus dorm for one week, attend a variety of lectures and demonstrations, visit research laboratories, and engage in multiple science experiments. Students have the opportunity to interact with technical staff members, graduate and medical students and various UF faculty members.

Science Quest participants explore topics in Engineering, Geology, and Physics; delving into the molecular sciences with an emphasis on biomedical, environmental, and forensic applications; investigating research areas in Entomology, Microbiology, and Zoology. The University of Florida offers a unique range of research topics and activities, which helps expose the participants to a greater depth of scientific practice than is available anywhere else in the state.

Participants will be expected to learn, synthesize and apply new ideas to a culminating group project. Interested high school freshmen should complete the application form, request a teacher recommendation, respond to the provided essay topic, and submit completed materials with a copy of applicant’s first semester(freshman)report card with cumulative GPA. Complete applications will be reviewed and invitations extended by the posted date and continuing until all positions are filled. Applicants are encouraged to submit completed materials as early as possible.

Science Quest Alumni Comments

“I think anyone considering a career in the sciences should apply for Science Quest.”

“Science Quest showed that science fields are not all about test tubes and beakers, but that scientists work in many different ways with various devices.”

“Science Quest was a really educational, but incredibly fun, experience. Being in such a small group was awesome; we all got really close and we still keep in touch.”

“Loved everything: the science, the people. The entire experience was extraordinary.”

“Science Quest did a great job with combining science with fun!”

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