

## Application Information

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University of Florida  
Center for Precollegiate Education and Training  
Student Science Training Program

June 11 – July 29, 2017

### Program Overview:

The University of Florida Student Science Training Program (UF SSTP) is a seven week residential research program for selected **students entering senior year and at least 16 years old by the program start date** who are considering science, medicine, math, computer science, or engineering careers. The program emphasis is research participation with a UF faculty research scientist and his or her research team.

The UF SSTP is a rigorous and fast paced program for academically talented and motivated students. Students engage in the ongoing research of the faculty-mentor for 30 hours each week, attend a daily lecture series on current research topics, and participate in a UF honors seminar class. Additionally, students develop important interpersonal, leadership, professional communication, and organizational skills through academic, social, and service activities. Students enrolled in a Florida high school have the option to earn dual enrollment credit.

Students interested in attending the UF SSTP must possess a high level of maturity, an ability to live and learn independently, a desire to work collaboratively, and a sincere interest in research.

### How to Apply:

**All UF SSTP participants must be entering the 12<sup>th</sup> Grade and at least 16 years old by June 11, 2017.**

Components of the UF SSTP Application and Requirements:

**Application Form:** Provide the applicant's and parent/guardian information, student's research interests, essay, and additional information. The Application Form is available at our website, [www.cpet.ufl.edu/students/sstp](http://www.cpet.ufl.edu/students/sstp). **Completed Application Forms should be emailed as an attachment to [appliesstp@cpet.ufl.edu](mailto:appliesstp@cpet.ufl.edu). Only the applicant's first and last name should be in the subject line. If e-mail is not feasible, Complete Application Forms should be mailed to the address below:**

SSTP Selection Committee  
334 Yon Hall or PO Box 112010  
Gainesville, FL 32611-2010

**Teacher Endorsement Form:** Two Teacher Endorsement Forms from a high-school or college-level math, science, research, or computer science teacher or mentor are required. Endorsers are asked to evaluate the student's maturity, collaborative learning capacity, and ability to work in a University-level research lab. Applicants should think carefully about which teachers know the student the best and will be able to evaluate according to the criteria. Teacher Endorsement Forms are available for download from the website. Applicants may provide a hardcopy of the Teacher Endorsement Form with a stamped and addressed envelope. Students may also complete page 1 of the electronic form, save, and e-mail it to their endorser for completion. **The Teacher Endorsement Form must be sent directly to the CPET Office by the teacher via e-mail, to our mailing address, or faxed to 352-392-2344.**

**Academic Record Form:** The Academic Record Form is to be completed by a Guidance Counselor or similar administrator. Students are not required to have taken pre-college entrance exams, such as the PSAT, SAT, or ACT. However, if previously taken, they should be reported. The Academic Record Form is available for download from the website. **The Academic Record Form must be sent directly to the CPET Office by the Guidance Counselor or school office via e-mail, to our mailing address, or faxed.**

**Official High School Transcript:** Hardcopy of a student's transcript must be mailed directly to the CPET Office by the school office. An unofficial transcript may be sent while waiting for the Official. **Your Junior Year's first semester grades required.**

**Application Process:** A link to the application material will be available from the UF CPET website in December 2016 for the 2017 summer. There is no Application deadline. Application review and selection will be in February 2017. UF SSTP has a rolling admission process which means applications will continue to be reviewed until the program is filled.

Students will receive automated emails from [sstp@cpet.ufl.edu](mailto:sstp@cpet.ufl.edu) to the “Student’s E-mail Address” provided on the application confirming his or her application is complete. **It is the student’s responsibility to provide a working email address and check that email address regularly for communication from the UF SSTP program.**

### **Participant Selection:**

**Notification of Selection will be made via email to the student email address provided on the application. It is the student’s responsibility to provide a working email address and check that email address regularly for communication from the UF SSTP program.** Failure to respond to email in a timely manner may result in the student being placed on the wait list.

Students invited to participate are required to respond to the invitation within 10 days of the email being sent. Students accepting their invitation are required to make a \$500 non-refundable deposit to hold his or her spot in the UF SSTP. Final paperwork and fees (additional \$4000) are due via e-mail form submission or postmarked April 21, 2017. The non-refundable deposit may be waived for students applying for a need-based scholarship. Students invited to attend, but not ready to commit to may defer his or her invitation. No deposit is required, however the student’s spot will not be held. At the time the student is ready to commit, he or she will need to call the office to inquire if a spot is still available.

The UF SSTP does not fill all available spots during the first rounds of application reviews. Therefore, students may be placed on a waitlist if not invited during the first time his or her application is reviewed. This is an active waitlist and applications will continue to be reviewed until the program is filled. Students must confirm their place on the waitlist to continue being considered. The waitlist is not ranked.

**The UF SSTP program and CPET staff abide by FERPA and University application standards and therefore do not discuss applications, applicant data (individual or aggregated), nor selection with students or parents. Neither originals nor copies of a student’s application material will be returned.**

### **Important Information:**

**Students must make a commitment to attend and participate in the entire program (June 11 – July 29).** Please confirm no other academic, school-related, sports, or family events will conflict with the program dates. Due to the program’s rigorous scheduling, departures from the UF SSTP for other commitments are not allowed. Weekend fieldtrips, social events, and service activities are important and enjoyable parts of the program. Should a one-time family event (such as a wedding) require a student’s departure from the program (departing Friday afternoon and returning Sunday), requests must be made in advance in Christy Rodkin, CPET Coordinator, Youth Programs.

**Program Cost: \$4500** which includes housing; staffing and supervision; program-related fieldtrips, social, and service activities; insurance (primary or excess depending upon parent coverage); and program-themed supplies. Daily meals are not included. See website for more details.

**All interested and qualified students are encouraged to apply for the UF SSTP regardless of ability to pay.** Limited scholarships, mostly need-based, are available for students attending a Florida high school. See website for details.

**For additional information, please visit the UF CPET and SSTP website: [www.cpet.ufl.edu/students/sstp](http://www.cpet.ufl.edu/students/sstp)**