Thank you for joining! We will get started shortly!
2021 Student Info Session

- Quick poll
- Project SEED basics
- 2021 program plans
- Application process
- Questions & discussion
Quick Poll

What brings you to today’s meeting?
How familiar are you with Project SEED?
Project SEED Basics

Program Background

• Project SEED started in 1968 and has had over 11,200 student participants
• Mission: Empowering students through transformative research experiences

Program Benefits

• Students build confidence in their abilities in STEM, learn about chemistry career pathways, and grow professionally while gaining college readiness skills
• Students that complete the program are paid stipends of at least $1,000 (final amount TBD)
• College scholarship opportunities for students that complete at least one summer program($5k per year for 1 – 4 years)
Eligibility Criteria

• Must have received parent permission to apply and participate
• Must be a high school sophomore, junior, or senior (at least over the age of 14)
• Must have completed (or are currently taking) at least one chemistry course
• Must demonstrate an interest in science/chemistry
• Household income must not exceed 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines
Methods of Confirming Financial Eligibility

- A copy of a 1040 tax form showing that the annual adjusted gross income within the last 2 years has been 200% or less of the federal poverty guideline for household size
- Documentation showing that the student is eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch Program (FRPL) at his/her/their school
- Documentation showing that the family is eligible for Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, SNAP, or WIC for Infants and Children (also referred to as EBT or food stamps)
- Documentation showing participation in a TRIO program such as Upward Bound or other programs geared towards socioeconomically challenged families
Due to the current state of the Covid-19 pandemic, in-person research is canceled.

Project SEED will again offer the Virtual Summer Camp (VSC).
Project SEED Virtual Summer Camp

- 6-week virtual program (Monday, June 21 – Friday, July 30)
- Blend of webinars, small-group discussions, activities, and independent assignments

**CAMP OBJECTIVE AREAS**

- Research basics and preparedness
- Professional etiquette and college readiness
- Exposure to chemistry-related career pathways

**CAMP STRUCTURE**
## A Typical VSC Week

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- Expect to spend 20-25 hours per week on VSC meetings and activities
- All activities will take place between 9am and 5pm local time
- Mornings will be used for Cabin and Camp meetings/activities
- Afternoons will be for nationally broadcasted webinars
2020 VSC Feedback

Student Feedback from 2020:

The summer camp really helped me understand how to prepare for college and grad school and a future career in one of the sub-fields of chemistry that I had not even known existed.

I definitely believe these professional development seminars and skills can be implemented in the regular summer [program of Project SEED] because the skills are important alongside research.

Check out the 2020 Project SEED annual report on the Project SEED website
Student Application Process

- Application will open in March or April
- Email notification when application is open
- Be sure to have a digital copy of your high school transcript ready to upload (pictures or screenshots are OK)
- Financial eligibility documents are submitted separately
Essay Questions

• Describe yourself and tell us about your goals after high school
• Describe any lab or STEM experiences you have had in your education thus far, types of activities you have done, and your confidence and interest in STEM
• Why do you want to participate in Project SEED? Elaborate on how this might affect your education, interest in science, or anything else