

Della Keats II Summer Research Program

What is the Research Program?

Students who have already successfully completed the Della Keats program, or an equivalent program such as UAF's RAHI program, can apply to return for a second summer through the Della Keats Summer Research program. This is an opportunity for students to undertake a four-week mentor guided research internship in a health-related field.

Research Program Information

Each student is paired with a UAA researcher and works for that mentor as an intern for the duration of the program. As a part of this internship, students are expected to (with the mentor's help) design, conduct and analyze an individual research project and present their results publicly at UAA at the end of the program.

Students in the Summer Research Program live in the dormitories with the Della Keats Health Sciences students. Both groups join together and participate in the extracurricular activities.

Travel and Housing

Housing is provided at no cost on campus in a UAA dormitory for the length of the program.

Travel assistance may be available for qualifying students from rural Alaska by request only.

Cost

There is no cost to participants in this program. A stipend is usually provided to help cover food and miscellaneous expenses. Due to the programs' demanding schedules, students may not hold jobs or participate in other activities while participating in the summer research program.

Della Keats Summer Research Program Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for the Della Keats Summer Research Program, an applicant must:

1. Have completed the Della Keats Health Sciences Summer Program or an equivalent program the previous summer;
2. Meet the eligibility criteria for the Della Keats Health Sciences Summer Program;
3. Be enrolled as a senior in high school at the time of application.

How to Apply To Either Program

Applicants must submit:

- A completed DKHSci Summer Programs application*
- A current, sealed, official high school transcript
*Ask your high school counselor how to obtain your transcript.
- PSAT/SAT/ACT scores *if available*
- Two sealed letters of recommendation from teachers. *(Recommendation forms provided in application, and one of which **must** be from a science or mathematics teacher)*
- Current photograph of self

Acceptance is based on written responses to essay questions from the application form, letters of recommendation, high school academic performance, and a formal telephone interview.

Please note: Places in the Della Keats Summer Research Program are limited. The application process is competitive. Successful completion of the core Della Keats program (or an equivalent program) is an eligibility requirement. It is not a guarantee of acceptance.

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Della Keats Summer Programs

Dates:

Program Begins: July 15, 2018
Program Ends: August 10, 2018

Applications Currently Being Accepted
~ Application Deadline April 30, 2018 ~



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Della Keats Health Sciences Summer Program

What Is Della Keats?

The UAA Della Keats Health Sciences Program is an intensive four-week program administered by WWAMI School of Medical Education. Its purpose is to help Alaskan high school students from minority, rural, and other underrepresented populations step onto the pathway leading to high-demand careers in medicine and other health-science fields.

The program's goals are to foster, affirm, and encourage high school students' interest in health-care professions, and to help students make a successful transition from high school to college.

Enrichment Opportunities

Students stay on UAA campus and receive a valuable introduction to college life. Participants take classes to introduce them to the premedical curriculum (Anatomy and Physiology, Public Health, Microbiology, and others).

Della Keats students gain first-hand knowledge of health-care careers by job shadowing health-care providers, touring medical facilities, and listening to guest presentations.

Participants also receive instruction in:

- Laboratory procedures
- Use of computers and other technology
- Research methods
- Written and oral communication
- Medical diagnosis and treatment using SIM manikin scenarios
- College survival skills
- Money management/budgeting

Della Keats Health Sciences Summer Program Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for the Della Keats Programs, an applicant must:

1. Be a U.S. citizen or US Nationals or permanent resident and a resident of Alaska;
2. Be enrolled as a junior or senior in high school at the time of application;
3. Meet **at least one** of the following criteria:
 - belong to an ethnic minority group;
 - live in a rural area of Alaska;
 - speak English as a second language;
 - be a first-generation American;
 - be economically disadvantaged; **and/or**
 - be the first in his/her family to go to college.



Job Shadowing and Immunizations

To participate in the 12 hours of Job Shadows with health-care professionals, Della Keats students need to be immunized. Immunization protects both the people in the health facilities as well as the student.

Immunization Requirements

- 2 negative TB tests between 7/8/17 & 7/15/18
- 2 Varicella/chicken pox immunizations or a titer.
- 2 Measles, Mumps, and Rubella immunizations



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