

BE A GENE RESEARCHER FOR A WEEK IN 2014

ARE YOU a mature, capable high school student age 16 and over who is passionate about science and intrigued by genetics?

DO YOU HAVE an overall average of at least 85%, can write a brilliant essay to demonstrate your excitement about science and your advanced communication skills, and you can convince a teacher to write a stunning reference for you?

IF YES, Gene Researcher for a Week (GRFAW) program is your opportunity to gain insight into the world of genetic diseases through a mentorship in one of Canada's top genetic labs. This program is designed to provide a learning experience for students that have not had extensive lab experience from other programs or work experience opportunities.

Participants can learn how genes cause human genetic disorders and how top scientists translate these findings into treatments and cures for genetic diseases. In this program you will participate in the activities in the lab with as much hands on experience as possible(*). The GRFAW mentoring program is a great opportunity for YOU to learn about human genetics research and connect with the scientific community.

Apply online between November 1 and December 31st at www.genecure.ca/en/programs/gene-researcher-for-a-week/student-application/

For more Information: www.genecure.ca

*Every lab is different in the experience they provide and we cannot guarantee that every student will have the opportunity to be 'hands on'.



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FAQs



Who can apply?

Due to the high number of students that apply, candidates will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Must be a resident of Canada
- Must be a high school student in grade 11 or 12 (or CEGP equivalent)
- Must be 16 years of age by January 1st of the year of participation
- Must have a high academic standing (overall GPA of 85% or higher)
- Must show an interest in pursuing a career/education in human genetics
- Must be well rounded in all areas (academic, volunteer and extra-curricular activities)
- Must complete application form and submit all required documentation by deadline

When is the application deadline?

Applications are accepted from November 1st thru December 31st

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How many students are accepted?

The number of students selected each year depends on how many lab placements are available; typically it is between 40 and 50 students each year.

Is there a cost to participate?

There is no cost to participate or apply for the program unless you are required to travel and then there may be some costs (see below)

When are the placements?

Each placement is for one week. We orchestrate placements to coincide with each student's own scheduled spring break at their school so that there are no missed classes as a result of the placement.

Will I be placed in a lab in my home city/town?

We do our best to place students as close to home as possible. However, placements are based on many factors and up to 35% of our students will be required to travel. Placements can be anywhere in Canada.

Will I have to pay for my travel?

Each year the Canadian Gene Cure Foundation raises funds through grants as well as corporate and private donations to support the program. These funds allow us to provide students a travel grant where required. Travel grant amounts are dependent upon funds raised as well as the number of students requiring travel.

Will there be other students in my lab?

Most labs can accommodate either one or two students however it does depend on their own staffing availability at the time of placement. We cannot guarantee that you will be placed with another student.

