

2019 Summer Internship Program Changes (continued)

Finally, to ensure that all high school summer interns are ready to benefit from the internship experience, they will begin as a cohort on one of two summer start dates (June 13th or 24th) and will attend a required orientation prior to joining their research groups. My office has developed and piloted a full-day orientation for high school summer interns which was very well received in 2018. In addition, OITE will provide a summer curriculum focused on the development of scientific and professional skills and on college readiness.

I realize that these are significant changes and that they will require all of us to rethink the summer experience of our high school interns. I also appreciate that this will be a confusing year for high school applicants and their teachers. If you talk with interested high school students or their families, please let them know that the eligibility criteria, selection process, and the nature of the summer program for high school interns have changed and refer them to the new High School SIP (HS-SIP) webpage (<https://www.training.nih.gov/programs/hs-sip>) for further information.

Best,
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