

M-Sci Academy Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

Q. *Are there expenses involved in housing for the six week summer academic program?*

A. No; for the M-Sci Academy Summer Program (June 26 – August 7), students will be housed in Baits Residence Hall on North Campus and are not expected to pay room and board.

Q. *During the 6-week program, will I be able to go home on some weekends?*

A. For the M-Sci Academy Summer Program, students are expected to attend the entire program from June 26 – August 7. There will be one optional weekend home during the Summer Program, (Friday, July 23 – Sunday, July 25). Students can leave on that Friday at 5 p.m. and return on Sunday by 6 p.m.

Q. *When the school term starts in the Fall, will I be able to participate in a residential program like WISE-RP?*

A. Students in the M-Sci Academy will be housed in Bursley Residence Hall during the academic year. This will preclude them from being in a residential program like WISE-RP or UROP-in-Residence, but they can still participate in the non-residential components of those programs.

Q. *During the school term, would I be able to have a non M-STEM roommate of my own choosing?*

A. Yes; we do not require M-STEM students to room with other M-STEM students. You would follow the usual procedure when completing your housing contract for the Fall to indicate your choice of roommate.

Q. *Is college credit awarded for attendance in the Summer Program?*

A. No course credit is given for the courses in the M-Sci Academy Summer Program.

Q. *Will a laptop or calculator be required? If not, what type does the University recommend?*

A. Laptops will not be provided for students, but they will have access to computer labs on campus. The University does not officially recommend or endorse any particular type of laptop. In general, some students come with Apple laptops and others come with PCs, just depending on their preference. Students will also need to bring their own graphing calculators, which they will need for the Fall Term.

Q. *Is the stipend broken up into multiple payments? How are the payments made, and can this money be used to cover books, housing, etc?*

A. The \$1,000 - \$1,500 stipend (depending on the format of the summer program) will be paid at the end of the summer program, provided the student participates in all required M-STEM activities. This will be a direct payment to the student and can be used for whatever the student would like to use it for. All students must bring items necessary to complete an I-9 form at the start of the summer. Failure to do so will result in delayed stipend payment.

Q. *I have to fill out my housing application so if I get accepted into this program, how will my housing work out? Do I have to fill out my housing application in any specific way?*

A. You should fill out your housing application according to your preference, without regard to your possible participation in the M-Sci Academy. If you participate in the M-Sci Academy, we will make sure you get switched to Bursley Residence Hall during the academic year.

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Q. I need to select an Orientation date for the summer, but how do I know if I should select the one for M-Sci students, since I don't know if I will be admitted to the program?

A. If you are at all interested in participating in the M-Sci Academy, you should select an orientation date prior to the start of the program (June 26).

Q. I received the M-STEM information but I have a prior commitment during the summer. I was greatly interested in the program and was wondering if there are any opportunities beyond this summer to get involved.

A. Since the M-Sci Academy is a 2-year program that begins with the Summer Transition Program students must attend the summer program to be part of this Academy. However, there are a number of programs that are offered during the academic year that provide services similar to those offered to M-Sci Academy members, including various academic support programs and forums and workshops on personal and professional development topics.