

STARS (Science Technology & Research Scholars) STEM Enrichment Program



July 27–August 7, 2026
Dolan DNA Learning Center
Cold Spring Harbor,
New York



August 10–21, 2026
DNA Learning Center NYC
at City Tech
Brooklyn, New York

STARS is a two-week summer research experience designed to promote full participation in the next generation of scientists, doctors, and other health professionals. This program provides students with state-of-the-art laboratory and computer science skills needed to succeed in STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) in college and beyond, and is tailored to the needs of students from contexts that may have excluded them from STEM. Students will conduct hands-on science and computer projects and participate in enrichment activities including discussions with researchers and tours of the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Stony Brook University, or other University campuses. After the two-week program, students will also have a line of communication to mentors who can provide advice on finding future research experiences and preparing for college.



Free Tuition; all accepted students attend on scholarship (\$1400 fee waived).

Time, Transportation, and other expenses

Classes run Monday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (College visit field trip day may conclude at 6:00 p.m.)

Parents are responsible for on-time drop-off and pick up; and limited transportation support available.

Application Requirements

The STARS program is open to all students and encourages participation for all groups of students in STEM.

Students must have already completed the 9th grade and live in the NY Metropolitan Area.

Students must submit a personal statement as well as a letter of recommendation and signed parent/guardian permission.



For information and to apply, see the DNA Learning Center Summer Camp website:

<https://summercamps.dnalc.org/camps/stars.html>

Application opens in February.