

Student Mentors in the Swarthmore Summer Scholars Program (S³P)

As we have learned in the 6 years of the Program, the Student Mentors are the 'secret sauce' to the S³P recipe for a successful program, so the faculty, Dean Henry and the Director take this hiring process very seriously. The job is a combination of teaching assistance and resident assistant. Please direct any questions via email to Corey Falls, S³P Coordinator cfalls1@swarthmore.edu

Six students will be hired as student mentors: 2 to support each subject:

Math, Writing, Lab Science (Engineering in 2022)

Schedule for summer 2022

Weeks of July 11, July 18 training for RA and TA roles

Weeks of July 25, Aug 1, 8, 15 supporting 16 S³P scholars

Week of Aug 22 follow up with Director of S³P

Responsibilities

- support 16 summer scholars during the 4 weeks of the summer Program
- serve as subject matter teaching assistants (TAs) support the faculty who will be teaching the 3 subjects
- run the 5 study hall sessions each week
- serve as RAs – even in a virtual program: providing virtual tours, talking about resources on campus to support academics, physical and mental health, social activities
- train for 2 weeks before the Program formally begins
- attend and report at weekly S³P staff meetings during the summer
- follow up with the Director in the week following the summer Program

Strong candidates

- have demonstrated knowledge and performance in the subject area that they will support
- have strong commitment to inclusive diversity in the Swarthmore community
- are dependable team members with strong communication skills
- have awareness of first-gen/low-income (FLI) student challenges and opportunities

FAQs

- Can I apply to support more than one subject? *Yes, but you will be hired to support only one subject.*
- Do you hire alumni of the S³P? *Sometimes, but it is not a requirement of applicants.*
- How much is the stipend? *The same amount as is paid for 10-week summer research (\$5,200); even though involvement is only for 7 weeks, but there is much more work in the evenings and on weekends during the Program.*
- I know there is a 5th week of the Program prior to the spring semester; are student mentors involved with that? *No; your involvement ends with the week of follow up after the summer Program.*
- Can I get paid for a summer research project AND be an S³P student mentor? *No; to be fair to other students: one stipend per summer.*
- Can I apply for this as a graduating senior? *No; unless you are returning in the fall to complete student teaching in Education.*
- Can I have another job during the training and S³P summer session? *No; this is a full time commitment*
- Will S³P be on campus or virtual this coming summer? *Mostly virtual with – at most – two final weeks on campus; this decision will be made by the time mentors are hired at the end of March 2022.*

