

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 Amy Vollmer, S³P Director avollme1@swarthmore.edu*

Six students will be hired as student mentors: 2 to support each subject:
Math, Writing, Lab Science (Biology in 2021)

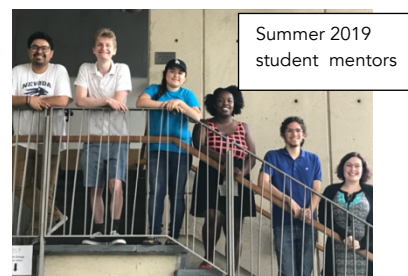
Schedule for summer 2021

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| Weeks of July 12, July 19 | training for RA and TA roles |
| Weeks of July 26, Aug 2, 9, 16 | supporting 16 S ³ P scholars |
| Week of Aug 23 | follow up with Director of S ³ P |



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 (\$4.8K); 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 – one final week on campus; this decision will be made by the time mentors are hired at the end of March 2021.*

