

Pasteur Foundation Summer Internship Program 2017 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Am I eligible?

If you are a citizen of the United States, enrolled in a college/university and seeking an undergraduate degree and will have completed six full semesters (by June 2017) but have not yet received your degree as of the summer internship (Summer 2017), you are eligible. Typically, the applicant is a college junior at the time of application. It is recommended that you have a strong interest in bioscience/biomedicine and an excellent academic record; prior lab experience is also highly recommended. Knowledge of French is not a requirement, but should you be accepted, you may want to take an intensive course prior to beginning your internship.

I am a freshman/sophomore with advanced placement (AP) credits; may I apply?

No, AP credits do not count towards the requirement described above. You must have completed 6 semesters of college work as a matriculated student.

I have a B.A, but am working toward a B.S.; am I eligible?

No. If you have already received an undergraduate degree, you are not eligible.

I am not a science major, but would like to continue graduate studies in this field. Should I apply?

Yes, if you can demonstrate very strong scientific coursework and lab experience. But please keep in mind, this program is very competitive among students specializing in science curricula.

I have no knowledge/minor knowledge of the French language; should I apply?

Yes. Ability to speak, read or write French is not a pre-requisite for this program. However, these abilities will enhance your experience. Participation in an intensive course prior to departure will be a great practical help.

If I am a permanent resident but not a U.S. citizen at the time of application, even if I have a citizenship application pending, am I eligible to apply?

We regret that this program is strictly designated for U.S. citizens. You must be a U.S. citizen at the time of your application, i.e. by January 29, 2017.

Do I need to request an official transcript?

Yes.

I do not have my grades for my Fall 2016 semester yet; what should I do?

In Part I of the application, you will indicate all the science coursework completed, including courses in progress and courses for which you have not yet received a grade (please signal these latter cases with an asterisk *).

How many letters of recommendation are required and who should I ask for a recommendation letter?

Two recommendations are required. The letters may be sent directly to the Pasteur Foundation, subject to the January 29 deadline. Your recommenders should be science professionals (such as professors, mentors, advisors, employers, scientific independent study, work-study) who know your work. Your evaluators should fill out the "Recommendation Form" and include a single-page letter of recommendation that addresses your abilities in science as well as how you might react to an

international laboratory experience. The Recommendation Form and the instructions for your recommenders is available as a download on the same website page as the application and this FAQ file. Please provide that link to your recommenders, who will email their response to Internship@pasteurfoundation.org with your surname and their surname in the subject line.

May I submit my application in parts?

Only the letters of recommendation may arrive separately. The Pasteur Foundation will not consider incomplete applications.

How many applicants are there for the Pasteur Foundation Internship Program?

We typically receive +/-300 applications for five summer positions.

How many internship positions are available in 2017?

Five.

How long is the internship?

Monday, June 5, 2017 is the arrival date. If you fly directly from the U.S., most flights leave late in the day and arrive the following morning, so a departure from the U.S. on Sunday June 4 would have a morning arrival time on June 5.

Monday, August 7, 2017 is the departure date.

Are applicants accepted on rolling admission?

No. You are encouraged to apply as early as you like and all applications will be reviewed in the order they are received. Because of our limited staff and hours, it is best to get your application to us in advance of the deadline.

How will I know whether you received my application?

You will receive an automated email reply confirming receipt. The Pasteur Foundation will not be able to respond to telephone calls or e-mails regarding your application.

When will I be notified about the selection results?

All applicants will be notified by the Pasteur Foundation by March 15, 2017.

If I am accepted, when will I have to notify the Pasteur Foundation?

Awardees will be obligated to accept or decline by April 3, 2017. After that time, we will move to the waiting list.

For any further questions, please email Internship@pasteurfoundation.org