

2020 Psychology VIP Information and Application Form

The Psychology VIP (or Vertical Integration Program) is a summer research program offered by the Department of Psychology & Neuroscience that provides undergraduates with the opportunity to participate in an intensive mentored research experience with a faculty member and graduate student. (Note: Although a faculty mentor is required, a graduate student mentor is not.) This summer the program will run from **May 12 through July 9**. In addition to their research, students attend a seminar series that meets twice each week, and have the option of attending a statistics workshop that meets four times over the course of the program.

Rising senior psychology majors who plan to enroll in the Graduation with Distinction program are given top priority for funding, as VIP is designed to help students get their thesis projects started. Other students (rising juniors, neuroscience majors) may be accepted as space permits. (Neuroscience has its own summer research program—the Summer Neuroscience Program, or SNP.) Please note that students are allowed to participate in VIP only once during their time at Duke. If a student is offered a spot in VIP as a rising junior, for example, she or he will not be eligible to apply/take part as a rising senior.

Students **must** be in residence during at least 7 of the 9 program weeks ***including the last week of the program (Monday, July 6 through Thursday, July 9)*** so they may take part in the presentations and poster session that conclude the program. **** Any student who cannot meet this residence requirement should NOT apply. **** Students who must be away during any week *other* than the last week will need to work this out with their faculty advisor.

VIP Fellows receive a \$3,500 stipend. During the program, students may be able to work for a limited number of hours on Campus or even external to Duke, but they should receive the approval of, and coordinate their schedule with, their faculty advisor. Participants may live on Campus if they wish at the regular summer session rates. However, housing and other living expenses are not covered beyond what is provided by the stipend.

Students may enroll in one summer session course during either the first or second summer session and still participate in VIP. Students who do this will receive a stipend of \$1,750 rather than the full \$3,500. Per University regulations, such students will be paid during the month they *are not* enrolled in summer session. Students who elect to enroll in a summer session course must receive the approval of their faculty advisor and may not enroll in a class that conflicts with the semi-weekly seminar series, which will take place every Tuesday and Thursday at 12:30 p.m. The statistics workshop will meet every other week (day/time TBD). Attendance at this workshop is encouraged, but not mandatory.

To be considered for VIP, students should complete the application below, obtain the signatures of their faculty and graduate student mentors, and return to Angie Vieth (Room 243 Soc/Psych). ***The application deadline is Monday, February 10, and we hope to inform applicants of our decisions by Thursday, February 27.***

Name: _____

Preferred email address: _____

Class: rising sophomore rising junior rising senior

Major(s), minor(s), certificate(s): _____

Faculty Mentor: _____

Graduate Student Mentor: _____

(Although recommended, it is not strictly necessary to have a graduate student mentor to participate in VIP.)

Are you planning to enroll in the Graduation with Distinction Program in Psychology?

Yes No Unsure

Do you plan on enrolling in a summer session course during the program?

Yes No Unsure

If yes, which session? First Second

Are you seeking other funding sources (e.g., grants, scholarships) for this summer, in addition to VIP?

Yes No Unsure

If yes, please identify the funding source: _____

Do you anticipate any paid work this summer, on Campus or off?

Yes No Unsure

If yes, please indicate where, and how many hours per week: _____

Does the research that you are planning to do this summer require IRB or IACUC approval? (If unsure, please check with your mentor.)

Yes No

If yes, has such approval already been obtained?

Yes No

By signing below, the student acknowledges that he/she agrees to abide by the terms of participation described above.

Signature of Applicant

The faculty mentor endorses the student's summer research plans and must be available to meet with his/her student at least once weekly on average for the duration of the program. If the student is a rising senior, it is expected that the faculty member will mentor the student through the completion of an honors thesis during the student's senior year.

Signature of Faculty Mentor

The graduate student mentor is committed to working intensively with the student during the program. During recent years, undergraduates have reported spending an average of over 10 hours/week with their graduate student mentors.

Signature of Graduate Student Mentor

Research Interests and Summer Research Plans

Please attach a description of your research goals/objectives for the 9-week program. These goals should be determined in conjunction with your faculty and graduate student mentors. Limit your response to one single-spaced page. Rising seniors should be clear about how their work in the program will contribute to their honors thesis.