

SUMMER PROGRAM

For Talented Students in Medicine, Science and High School

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OBJETIVES

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ACTIVITIES

1. **Clinical Rotations:** Students participate as observers in hospital or medical office settings. Participants must attend all rotations wearing their lab coat, scrubs, and ID. During the orientation week, they will be informed about all assigned rotations. The foundation will assign rotations randomly; students cannot choose where to carry them out. Once assigned, rotations cannot be changed **(NO EXCEPTIONS).** Participants will spend an average of one week at a hospital, Center 330, and/or medical office. Each rotation's schedule varies by institution or office. Participants are responsible for their transportation and/or housing accommodation.

2. **Academic Rotations:** Participation during an average of one week in orientations and talks at universities or medical schools.

Other activities:

1. **Volunteer Work** (minimum of 20 hours required)
2. **Research Project** (with mentors assigned by the organization)

Subject to change. Other requirements may be requested.

3. **Model Wellness Program for Healthcare Professionals in Development.**
4. **Orientation Activities on the Summer Program:** The foundation will provide information about the activities to be carried out during the Summer Program, including **rules and regulations.**
5. **Virtual Orientation:** The organization will offer program information to the selected students through an online conference. Once accepted, students will be informed of the orientation's date. Participation is **MANDATORY.**
6. **First Orientation:** This activity will provide information related to the program's development.
7. **Orientation activities for clinical and academic rotations:** Hospitals and academic institutions will provide information about the nature of the rotations.
8. **Evaluation Activities:** To maintain the program's excellence, participants must complete various evaluations before, during, and after the summer program. MANDATORY.
9. **Closing Ceremony Activity:** The event that concludes the Summer Program.
10. **Thank You Letters:** This exercise encourages writing that promotes gratitude towards resources and mentors.

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Important Disclaimer: THE SUMMER PROGRAM FOR TALENTED STUDENTS IN MEDICINE, SCIENCE, AND HIGH SCHOOL IS CONDUCTED ENTIRELY IN SPANISH, PROVIDING AN EXCEPTIONAL IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO DEEPEN THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE LANGUAGE FROM A SCIENTIFIC PERSPECTIVE.

1. The Summer Program application period runs from November 23, 2026, to March 12, 2027.

    - From November 23, 2026, to January 17, 2027**, the application donation is $150.00** (Non-refundable) "Early bird pre-registration discount")
    - From January 18 to February 26, 2027, **the application donation is $200.00** (Non-refundable)
    - From February 27 to March 12, 2027, **the application donation is $300.00** (Non-refundable)

    *** The foundation does not accept student recommendations. The process is clear, transparent, and limited to what is established in the announcement.**
    *** Late applications will not be accepted.**

2. Only the following students may apply:
    a. Medical students (first and second year only)

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b. University students.
c. High school students currently enrolled in 11th or 12th grade at the time of application.
d. Applications from students in 10th grade will **NOT be accepted.**

3. Only complete applications with all required documentation will be considered.

4. Admission applications are evaluated by a special committee and are subjected to a limited number of students and compliance with application requirements.

5. Students receive orientation about tasks, rules, and regulations. **Clinical rotations must not interfere with the regular operation of the hospital or office to which they are assigned.**

6. The program lasts approximately 10 to 14 weeks:

   All activities will be in-person, integrating virtual activities as necessary.

   - Institutional Orientation.
   - Academic Rotation: Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico – Bayamón and Universidad Central del Caribe (UCC)
   - Research Project: Duration of (2) months with assigned mentors. The Program requires a group research paper which must be presented in writing and orally.
   - Community initiatives through group projects.
   - Other Workshops: (Financial advising, educational conversations, and orientations from universities and medical schools in Puerto Rico).
   - Clinical Rotations.
   - Wellness Program

7. Rotations are assigned based on availability, and specific areas and/or hospitals cannot be guaranteed. Once the rotation location is assigned, the schedule may vary by institution.

8. Upon completion of the internship, students who meet the participation requirements will receive a certificate validating their participation in the Summer Program. Based on compliance with the requirements for the research and community service elements, they may receive a certificate validating their compliance with these two components of the program.

9. Students participating in the program will receive the General Regulations for the Summer Program 2027. Participation of any student who does NOT comply with the program's rules and regulations will be immediately canceled.

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION

Subject to change. Other requirements may be requested.

The application process is summarized as follows:

1. Access the registration link on our website at https://garciarinaldi.org/ under the education section.

2. Complete the Pre-evaluation: Interested individuals must review and complete the required information. Upon completing the pre-evaluation, the system will provide a registration number that will grant access to the program application.

3. Complete and submit the admission application through the platform with all required documents.

4. The application donation:

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Once the applications have been evaluated, **there will be NO reconsideration of applications.**

4. Payment of said donation will be received in the Donations system on our website through PayPal.

Documents required:

1. Two (2) Letters of Recommendation (PDF format, maximum size 3mb)

A. A letter of recommendation from the director/dean

Applicable to High School Students: A letter of recommendation from the school director that includes the academic average on a 4.00-point scale and that informs the grade level that the student is currently in. **IMPORTANT: Study certifications or credit transcripts will NOT be accepted as a letter of recommendation.**

Applicable to University or Medical School students: A letter from the department director or dean that includes the academic average on a 4.00-point scale IMPORTANT: Study certifications or credit transcripts will NOT be accepted as a letter of recommendation

B. A letter of recommendation from a professor/teacher.

- The letter of recommendation must be on the institution's stamped paper and/or have the institutional seal stamp.
- It must be signed in original (digital signatures will not be accepted).
- For schools/universities that require submitting the recommendation letter directly to the Foundation:
    1. The requesting student will send an email to the professor in charge of writing this letter so that he/she can complete the registration on the platform. This email must be sent through the platform for registration in the Summer Program located in the documents area at the text bubble icon at the top right corner of the page.
    2. The Foundation will approve the professor's registration so that he/she can submit the recommendation letter.

(The Recommendation Letter Format is attached at the end of the document)

7. Essay about your interest in participating in the Program. (in Spanish or English) Word format, maximum size 3mb

a. In the essay you will answer the following questions:

- Why do you want to participate in the Program?
- Why do you want to study medicine?

b. Essay specifications:

- One (1) page
- Font 12, Times New Roman
- One inch (1") margin

8. Attend an interview if selected by the evaluation committee (An interview is not guaranteed for all applicants).

- During the interview you must submit one (1) 2x2 photo and write your name on the back

9. Other documents may be requested.

* Applications are evaluated by a committee and are subject to a limited number of participants.

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REQUIREMENTS ONCE ACCEPTED TO THE SUMMER PROGRAM

Subject to change. Other requirements may be requested.

1. Accepted students must attend a mandatory “Virtual Orientation”, in which they will be offered all the information related to the Summer Program and will be sent a list of certain documents that must be completed in advance and then submitted at the First Orientation.

   The list of documents required for all activities is included in point 2.

2. *Students must submit the following documents on the date established in the acceptance letter:*

   - *COPY of the original valid Health Certificate (expires 1 year after issue)*
   - *COPY of the current Certificate of Good Conduct (does not apply to students under 18 years of age) (expires 6 months after issue)*
   - *COPY of Certification of completed vaccinations at their current age, especially hepatitis B, chickenpox, influenza and Covid-19 will be required. Students and guests participating in the Summer Program must have completed their Covid-19 vaccination series at least two weeks prior to the start of the Program.*
   - *COPY of the current Health Insurance Card.*
   - *Copy of the negative result of the nasal culture for Methicillin/Oxacillin-resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA)*
   - *Donation of*

     $900 that covers the gown, scrub, ID, and activities of the Summer Program (non-refundable). Check, money order or PayPal. Cash will NOT be accepted. •
   - *Other requirements may be requested according to the hospital, academic institution, or collaborative component of the program.*

   There is the possibility for Exemption of the Donation for students who qualify. The exemption is subject to the availability of funds for this purpose and compliance with the requirements established in the application.

3. **ANY STUDENT WHO DOES NOT PROVIDE A COPY OF THE DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE ON THE ESTABLISHED DATE WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE PROGRAM.**

4. Students must keep a copy of all required documents and submit a set of documents to each hospital, academic institution or medical office as required.

5. Participants must sign a commitment to attend, comply with Summer Program activities and institutional policy concerning the Summer Program. 6

6. The participation of any student who does not comply with the norms and rules established during the Summer Program will be cancelled.

The Dr. Raúl García Rinaldi Foundation's Summer Program is a prestigious initiative backed by 34 consecutive years of dedicated work contributing to the education of future healthcare professionals.

For our institution, it is an honor to welcome talented students each year who are firmly committed to continuing their studies in medicine.

Recommendation Letter Format

Description of the Summer Program for Talented Students in Medicine, Science and High School

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Recommendation Letter Format

One of the requirements to apply to the program is two (2) letters of recommendation. These letters must meet the following requirements:

- For High School Students:
    - 1 letter from the school principal that includes the academic average on a 4.00 scale and that informs the grade level that the student is currently studying. **IMPORTANT: Study certifications or credit transcripts will NOT be accepted as a letter of recommendation.**

- 1 letter of recommendation from a teacher.
- PDF format, maximum size 3mb

- For University or Medical School students:
  - 1 letter from the department director or dean that includes your academic average on a 4.00 scale **IMPORTANT: Study certifications or credit transcripts will NOT be accepted as a letter of recommendation.**
  - 1 letter of recommendation from a professor.
  - PDF format, maximum size 3mb

If applicable, these letters must include:

- Time spent knowing the student and in what capacity.
- Academic program in which the student is enrolled.
- The student's personal qualities and academic abilities.
- Academic achievements, emphasizing areas related to the requested opportunity or distinction.
- The student's weaknesses and strengths.
- What distinguishes that person from the rest of the group? What makes him or her special?
- Participation in academic-related activities.
- Challenges accepted by the student.
- Overcoming obstacles.
- Contributions to society.
- Future plans and long-term goals.
- Why does the applicant deserve this requested opportunity or distinction?
- Responsibility and punctuality.

Letters must be on the Institution's stamped paper and/or have the institutional stamp and be signed in the original (digital signatures will not be accepted).

If you need information, you can contact us at 787-725-4065 or by email at documentos@garciarinaldi.org