



Frequently Asked Questions

About the Program

1. What is NexGeneGirls?

Marlena Jackson, a longtime scientific researcher at one of the Bay Area's leading biotech companies, founded the nonprofit NexGeneGirls in 2011 to empower young girls from marginalized communities to create career paths in the life sciences.

NexGeneGirls exposes girls from underserved neighborhoods to professionals and hands-on experiences in the life sciences. It is part of a growing ecosystem of organizations in the Bay Area intended to diversify the field through early education and mentorship.

2. What is the NexGeneGirls Summer Internship Program?

NexGeneGirls includes internship programs in laboratories, speaker series, and workshops that convey scientific principles while building self-confidence and developing the skills to problem-solve using math and technology. Women leaders and STEM professionals mentor and inspire NexGeneGirls participants to pursue STEM careers and help to reaffirm our vision to increase diversity in the fields of science, technology, and engineering. We support participants' dreams of breaking the cycle of underrepresented and changing perceptions to create a culture of opportunity for young girls.

3. When is the NexGeneGirls Summer Internship Program?

The NexGeneGirls Summer Internship Program begins on June 7 and ends on July 30.

4. Will the NexGeneGirls Summer Internship Program be virtual?

Yes, the NexGeneGirls Summer Internship Program for summer 2021 is virtual. However, there are a couple of internship mentors who will offer a hybrid internship, which means the interns for these mentors will be allowed to work in the lab for a *limited period of time* during the internship.

5. What should I expect to learn in the NexGeneGirls Summer Internship Program?

Expect to learn something more about science research and STEM careers while preparing for college and careers. The primary intern activities include:

- Conducting scientific research and computational analysis with mentors from the life sciences and biotech industry
- Learning about science through virtual workshops and conferences
- Participating in the enrichment program focused on college and career readiness, and leadership development

- Developing a scientific poster and presenting it to a VIP audience.

6. If I am selected, do I have any input on the internship placement?

Not at this time. The NGG advisors and staff will review students' interests based upon their written essays in the application and place students with mentors.

7. What is the format and daily schedule for the NexGeneGirls Summer Internship Program?

You will spend approximately 20 to 25 hours/week at your internship. This includes 3 hours of leadership development workshops on Mondays and Fridays. The internship is virtual, so most of your time will be spent online researching, developing your scientific poster for your **final presentation on July 30th**, or meeting with mentors or the NexGeneGirls team on Zoom or Google hangout. You and your mentor will create a work schedule and distribute the hours across the week that works best for both of you.

Here is an example of a typical week:

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
9:00 AM	Leadership Development Workshop	Meeting with Internship Mentor	Work on research project	Work on research project	Leadership Development Workshop	
10:00 AM						
11:30 AM		Work on research project				
12:00 PM						
1:00 PM	Work independently				Work independently	
2:00 PM						
3:00 PM						
4:00 PM						
TOTAL HOURS	4.5	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.5	21 hours

8. What materials or equipment will I need?

You will need access to a computer and Wi-Fi. Since this internship is virtual, most of your time will be spent online researching, meeting with mentors and the NexGeneGirls team on Zoom or Google Hangouts.

9. What is the attendance policy for the program?

Attendance is MANDATORY for the entire 8-week summer. This is absolutely necessary in order to avoid forfeiture of your stipend and to complete your research in the 8-week timeline.

10. Am I required to attend the virtual NexGeneGirls Gala on July 30, 2021?

Yes, all NexGeneGirls are required to attend the Gala and present their research.

11. Is there a dress code for the Summer Internship Program?

Yes. Students are expected to wear their NexGeneGirls t-shirts.

12. Am I required to always have my camera on during the virtual meetings and show my face?

Yes. Although this is a virtual experience, it is important to meet face-to-face as much as possible. You'll be meeting with professionals in the industry, so making a good first impression is important.

13. Does NexGeneGirls provide recommendation letters after the internships are completed?

Absolutely! In addition to receiving a recommendation letter from the NexGeneGirls team, we will encourage all mentors to provide recommendation letters for their respective interns.

Eligibility

1. Who is eligible to participate in the NexGeneGirls Summer Internship Program?

The NexGeneGirls Summer Internship Program is eligible for female high school students currently enrolled in grades 9, 10 or 11 (or *rising* 10,11,12th grade in the summer). We encourage young women from underserved communities to apply.

2. Are there any residency requirements?

Currently, all applicants should be US residents.

3. What grades are eligible for the program?

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Applying

1. When is the NexGeneGirls Summer Internship Application due?

The NexGeneGirls Summer Internship application is due on Monday, April 5.

2. Do I need a teacher recommendation to submit an application?

Recommendation letters from teachers are optional.

3. Where can I find the application?

Please contact Jennielyn Dino Rossi, the NexGeneGirls Program Director, and she will email you the link to the application. Her email address: jdinorossi@gmail.com.

4. When will students be notified about whether they have been accepted into the program?

Students will be notified by Monday, April 12th about whether they have been accepted into the program.

Stipends/Payment

1. Will I get paid for the summer?

Yes, you will get paid a stipend of \$2500 for the summer.

2. How much is the stipend for the summer?

The stipend for the summer is \$2500.

3. Is the stipend taxable?

No, the stipend is not taxable.

4. How often will I get paid?

Twice during the 8-week session. The stipend will be dispersed in 2 parts: \$1,000 at the end of June and the final payment of \$1500 on July 30.

Selection and Registration

1. If I am selected, what is the deadline for accepting the offer into the program?

The deadline for accepting the offer into the program is Friday, April 16.

2. Will there be a waitlist for those who are not selected in the first round?

Yes, there will be a waitlist for those who are not selected in the first round.

3. When will those who are on the waitlist be notified if they have been selected or rejected?

We will notify those on the waitlist if they have been selected or rejected by Friday, April 30.

4. If I am rejected, am I eligible to apply in a future year?

Absolutely! You are eligible to apply in a future year.

More questions? Contact [Jennielyn Dino-Rossi](#)