

SHE (Summer Healthcare Experience) in Oncology is a virtual career exploration program for high school students interested in science and medicine. Its mission is to empower individuals who identify as women and otherwise underrepresented in the sciences to enter biomedical career pathways, specifically within the field of cancer. Over the course of two weeks, SHE trainees collaborate on a genetics-based research project, and a patient case study project, to explore key facets of cancer science and care. Trainees also participate in daily faculty lectures, panel discussions, and skill-building workshops to acquire knowledge and networks for their next steps on biomedical career pathways. Participants receive a taxable stipend of \$500. SHE in Oncology is funded by a Science Education Partnership Award from the National Institute of General Medical Science.

PROGRAM DATES: Weekdays, July 14 – 25, 2025; 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS: The University of Chicago is pleased to enroll up to 20 SHE trainees. They will complete all program activities in collaboration with peers enrolled through the University of Kentucky, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, and the University of Texas at Austin.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Full-time high school student at time of application
- Strong interest in a career in scientific research or medicine
- Ability to commit to two full weeks of programming

TO APPLY

- Submit the online application form by **11:59 p.m. CST on Monday, March 3, 2025**: https://redcap.link/SHE app 2025. Be prepared to answer the following prompts (limit 250 words each):
 - Of the learning opportunities related to careers in science and medicine, why have you chosen to apply to SHE? For example, you might discuss how the program relates to your academic and career plans, the nature of your interest in cancer, or what you hope to gain from the experience.
 - What qualities and experiences do you have that best prepare you for the scientific and professional demands of this program?
 - Scientific progress depends on diverse expertise and perspectives. Tell us about an aspect of your own perspective, viewpoint, or lived experience that is important to you, and describe how it shapes the way you would learn from and contribute to the SHE in Oncology community.
 - Is there anything else important for us to know about you?
- Arrange for a teacher, coach, employer, or other appropriate individual to complete the online applicant recommendation form by 11:59 p.m. CST on Monday, March 3, 2025: https://redcap.link/SHE_rec_2025. The recommender information packet is accessible here: www.uchicagomedicine.org/SHE.
- Applicants who advance to the second round: Complete an in-person interview with SHE leadership on Saturday, April 5.

Conflict of Interest Policy: The selection of applicants is managed by the SHE leadership team. Immediate family members of the leadership team and UChicago faculty are ineligible for the program. All applications will be subject to the Conflict of Interest Policy.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

- March 3, 2025: Application and recommendation due by 11:59 p.m. CST
- April 5, 2025: On-campus admissions interview
- April 14, 2025: Decision notification
- May 1, 2025: Commitment deadline

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