



Community Engagement Experiences: Summer 2023

The Isdell Center for Global Leadership (ICGL) coordinates a wealth of collaborative experiences with local community partners during the school year through the Community Engagement program. For students who are interested in further developing their leadership skills in community work during the summer months, we are pleased to offer this curated list of extended engagement opportunities that support non-profit organizations across metro Atlanta.

Depending on your interest in various social challenges, your previous experience with community organizations, or interest in potential career pathways, these summer programs provide both engagement-rich experiences and on-site learning opportunities for Atlanta-area high school students.

If you are interested in learning more about any of these opportunities, or have any questions about the application process, we have provided links on the document to program websites and coordinator contacts.

For individual help getting your application started, writing a cover letter, developing your resume, or deciding which program is right for you, please reach out to Ted Ward (ted.ward@paceacademy), Associate Director of the ICGL, to schedule a meeting.

Organization:

Pace Academy + La Amistad

Program:

[Keeping Pace](#)

Schedule:

June 5-30; Monday-Friday; 8:30am-3:30pm

Overview:

Keeping Pace, founded in 2006, is a summer program at Pace Academy serving underprivileged students from communities across Metro Atlanta. The typical Keeping Pace Scholar is a student “caught in the middle”—not required to attend summer school for remediation, but not a likely candidate for other prestigious metro summer programs for underserved youth. Keeping Pace does not charge an application fee to attend; it's only requirement is that Scholars have the ability to attend and the motivation to participate.

Each summer, the program offers Scholars four weeks of academic enrichment, along with swimming, tennis instruction, gardening & cooking demonstrations, and interactive art workshops. Scholars also receive bus transportation to and from camp, meals and snacks, and all supplies needed for coursework. Pace Academy faculty members staff the program, and Pace Upper School students serve as counselors and tutors.

As the Keeping Pace program returned to campus following the virtual summer of 2020, we have seen, like many schools, attrition in attendance and families displaced to areas outside of Metro Atlanta. To continue to meet the needs of Scholars in need, Keeping Pace has partnered with La Amistad to host students enrolled in their after-school tutoring programs on campus for a month of education and enrichment. With La Amistad staff leading morning academic instruction, Keeping Pace staff guiding afternoon recreation, and Pace Upper School students serving as volunteer counselors, the program is opening the next chapter in providing high-quality, no-cost programming for students across Atlanta.

Application Deadline:

May 5, 2023

[Apply Here](#)

Questions about this program? Email Ted Ward (ted.ward@paceacademy.org)

Organization:
21st Century Leaders

Program:
[Summer Leadership Institute](#)

Schedule:
[SYLI @Goizueta](#) | June 4 – June 9 @ Emory University
[EarthCare](#) | June 11 – June 16 @ Georgia College & State University
[HII – Healthcare/IT Institute](#) | June 25 – June 30 @ Kennesaw State University

Overview:

21st Century Leaders (21CL) offers an experience unlike anything else to connect, transform and inspire Georgia's high school students to be leaders in their communities!

21CL offers four exclusive summer leadership institutes, expanding student leadership skills and exposing students to various businesses and industries throughout the state of Georgia. Each leadership institute will engage students through interactive workshops, corporate tours, roundtables with business leaders, and team-building exercises.

Students will engage with local communities while living on a college campus and meeting a diverse group of students from all across the state!

Program Requirements

- Must be a rising sophomore, junior or senior in high school and live in the state of Georgia.
- While completing the 21st Century Leaders application, you will select one of four summer leadership institutes to apply for. An application is required for both new students and for current 21CL students.

Application Deadline:

March 1, 2023

[Apply Here](#)

Questions about the program or application process? Email Alicia Owens (alicia@21stcenturyleaders.org)

Organization:
Atlanta Botanical Gardens

Program:
[Summer High School Internship](#)

Schedule:
June 6 - July 20; Tuesday - Thursday

Overview:

The Atlanta Botanical Garden is looking for enthusiastic and tenacious high school students, 16 years and older, interested in science and plant careers. Students will work alongside expert Garden staff to cultivate, conserve, and teach others about our plant collections in the heart of Atlanta while gaining invaluable college and career readiness skills from community leaders. Internship experiences vary, but may include, working in a plant conservation research lab, cultivating rare plants in the conservation greenhouse and orchid center, or maintaining the outdoor gardens.

Selected applicants will be invited to a group interview session in the spring. Those chosen to participate in the internship will be invited with their guardians to attend a virtual orientation session on Zoom scheduled prior to the start of the internship.

Students commit to a regular schedule of 18 hours per week, Tuesdays through Thursday, for 7 weeks June 6 – July 20.

Application Deadline:
April 2, 2023

[Apply Here](#)

Questions about the program or application process? Email Lorin Boren (lboren@atlantabg.org)

Organization:
Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

Program:
[Disease Detective Camp](#)

Schedule:
June 27 – July 1, 2022 & July 25 – 29, 2022

Overview:

CDC Museum Disease Detective Camp (DDC) is an interdisciplinary educational program organized by the CDC Museum. DDC reflects the museum's mission of educating the public about CDC's work. This academic day camp is held at CDC headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. Admission is open to high-school students during the summer before their junior or senior years. During camp students are immersed in the diverse field of public health.

Topics vary year to year, but may include: public health interventions, global health, infectious disease, chronic disease, injury prevention, data analysis, surveys, school wellness programs, violence prevention, environmental health, emergency preparedness, outbreaks, scientific communication, laboratory technology, disease surveillance, epidemiology, and public health law. Camp is a fast paced, academically demanding program. Participants are expected to fully immerse themselves, work together, and become a diverse team of disease detectives!

In 2023, two identical sessions of the in-person camp are scheduled for June 26-30 and July 24-28. Each day's sessions start at 8:45 and end at 4:00. Campers are not allowed to leave early, arrive late, or miss days.

The CDC Museum Disease Detective Camp is open to motivated students who will be high-school juniors or seniors during the 2022-2023 school year. In other words, the applicant must currently be a sophomore or junior. Applicants must be 16 years old by the first day of the camp in order to comply with CDC's laboratory safety requirements. Absolutely no exceptions can be made to this rule. Participants must show proof of COVID-19 vaccination.

Application Deadline:
March 31, 2022

[Apply Here](#)

Questions about the program or application process? Email cdcm_phacademy@cdc.gov

Organization:
Army Outreach Educational Program

Program:
[High School Apprenticeship](#)

Schedule:
June - August

Overview:

Spend your summer in a university research lab or in one of the U.S. Army Research Laboratories and Centers through this unique apprenticeship opportunity. You will experience firsthand the innovation and research that is driving the future of our country. Do something meaningful this summer to prepare you for competitive college admissions and the next step in your STEM journey.

The Georgia State program will give high school students the opportunity to prepare 2D materials and characterize 2D materials by optical microscopy and atomic force microscopy. Students will be given layered materials such as graphite, molybdenum disulfide, tungsten diselenide, etc.; taught various scotch tape exfoliation techniques; taught how to isolate single flakes; and estimate their thickness by optical microscopy. The student will also be taught how to use an atomic force microscope (AFM). Students will then use the AFM to characterize surface roughness, step heights, and layer thicknesses of the exfoliated flakes. There is also the possibility for the student to image the conductance of the exfoliated flakes through conducting tip AFM studies to gain insight into material quality.

Application Deadline:

March 5, 2023

[Apply Here](#)

Questions about the program or application process? Email aeopapprenticeships@rit.edu

Organization:
Emory University

Program:
[Summer Scholars Research Program](#)

Schedule:
June 4 - July 15

Overview:

The Summer Scholars Research Program is a non-paid internship focused on exposing students to oncology research. Students will work one-on-one with a Winship oncologist or researcher, conduct research in a real lab or clinic setting, attend field trips to places like the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention David J. Sencer Museum and the Georgia Institute of Technology, and hear lectures from a variety of specialists in oncology-related careers. Through this exposure and education, we hope to encourage students to pursue oncology research.

The program will run for six weeks from June 4 through July 15 with a mandatory orientation day yet to be determined. Students will present their final projects on the last day of the program and are encouraged to invite their families, teachers and recommenders to attend the virtual presentations.

Students must be 17 years old by June 1, 2023 to be eligible for the program and should be rising or graduating high school seniors. There are NO EXCEPTIONS to the set age requirement due to regulations set by Emory's Environmental Health and Safety Office and Winship Cancer Institute.

Application Deadline:
February 28, 2023

[Apply Here](#)

Questions about the program or application process? Email ssrp@emory.edu