Introduction
The Young Scientist Foundation (YSF) invites applicants for the summer research program from highly qualified high school and undergraduate students interested in pursuing biomedical research.

The program is intended to go beyond the standard classroom. Students will be fully immersed in a research setting and will gain first-hand knowledge of working with premier scientists on biomedical discoveries in a laboratory environment.

Awards
The Young Scientist Foundation will make a number of awards as determined by its available financial resources. Research must be conducted in a university- or medical institution-based laboratory matched by YSF under the supervision of a highly qualified mentor for a period of a minimum of 8 weeks and a maximum of 10 weeks.

Awards of $2,500 will be made directly to the student conducting the research and $1,000 will be made directly to the lab sponsoring the research. These awards cannot be used to directly cover tuition or housing payments. The awardee is responsible for withholding any taxes required by law.

Priority will be given to students that have previously participated in the program and rising high school juniors and seniors who reside in Ohio, New York, New Jersey or Connecticut.

Eligibility
Applicants for the summer research program awards must be currently enrolled full-time in high school or an undergraduate institution with a current GPA of 3.2/4.0 or 3.4/5.0.
Application Preparation

All interested students must apply to the program, even if you have applied or participated in the past.

The application must include the following sections:

1. Application through
   http://casemed.case.edu/ctsc/funding/youngscientistfoundation.cfm (all applicants)

2. Academic transcript (all applicants)

3. 2 Letters of recommendation from a science teacher and a guidance counselor and/or community leader that can speak to your passion for science, science courses, research experience and ability to work with a team (new applicants only)

Submission of Applications

- The application should be submitted online through
  http://casemed.case.edu/ctsc/funding/youngscientistfoundation.cfm (please see directions to use webgrants below)

- The transcript should be submitted as a PDF document and submitted through the
  http://casemed.case.edu/ctsc/funding/youngscientistfoundation.cfm or by emailing admin@ysf.org with the subject line: Last Name/High School/City, State/2018 Summer Research Application

  Example: Jones/Charles F. Brush High School/Lyndhurst, OH/2018 Summer Research Application

- The letters of recommendation should be sent by the recommender directly through the webgrants link (insert link) or by emailing admin@ysf.org. Please ask your recommender to use the subject line: Applicant Last Name/Letter of Recommendation/2018 Summer Research Application

  Example: Jones/Letter of Recommendation/2018 Summer Research Application
• Successful electronic submission will be confirmed by email notification to the applicant and the sender.

• Applications are due on or before March 15, 2018.

Applications will not be accepted after the due date. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that the applications complies with the conditions prescribed in this RFA. The Young Scientist Foundation reserves the right to return without review any application found not to be in compliance with the conditions prescribed on the RFA.

The Young Scientist Foundation reserves the right to make changes to this RFA at any time. Changes will be posted at http://theyoungscientistfoundation.org/summer-research-program. We advise applicants to check this website frequently.

Award notifications will be made in May 2018. Awards must start between June 1, 2018 and August 31, 2018.

How to Use WebGrants
The YSF uses WebGrants online application software.

If this is your first time using WebGrants, you will need to register online at http://webgrants.case.edu. Once you have registered, you will receive an email with your user name and password. The registration process can take up to 24 hours, so applicants are strongly advised to register for an account as soon as possible. Last minute registrations are NOT guaranteed to be approved prior to the deadline. Extensions of the deadline will NOT be given for late registrants.

Students should start the web-based application process and become familiar with the system one week prior to the submission deadline. The application may be saved and edited without submission.

Application Instructions:
Go to WebGrants (http://webgrants.case.edu/)
  • _Login (If you are a new user, you will need to register first.)
  • _Click on “Funding Opportunities”
  • _Click on “insert name of funding opportunity”
  • _Click on “Start a New Application”
  • _Under Project Title indicate The Young Scientist Foundation
  • _Click on “Go to Application Forms”
• Complete all forms (can do in multiple sessions)
• Once all forms are completed and conform to form instruction, submit your application no later than 11:59 pm on March 15, 2018

Payment of Awards
Awards will be paid directly to the mentor and the students after the award period, no later than December 31, 2018.

Students must submit a pre-program survey, signed mentor-mentee agreement, photo-release form, research abstract, research poster and post-program survey at the end of the summer research period in order to receive payment. A template of the research abstract and poster will be provided by YSF.

Review Process and Evaluation Criteria
Applications will be reviewed by members of YSF’s Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) as well as active and experienced alumni, staff and investigators recruited by the SAB.

Questions about application submission, content and review or applicant eligibility should be sent to admin@ysf.org.

The request for applications may be changed by The Young Scientist Foundation at any time. Check our website frequently for updates.