FAQ for Brandeis’ Cell and Molecular Visualization and MRSEC REU summer programs

Q. Do you really want only a digital unofficial copy of my transcript?

A. Yes, we do. PDFs are preferred, but not required. If you are accepted into the program, we will request that you have an official transcript sent and your admission will be dependent on that transcript.

Q. Should I send a transcript missing fall grades and then an updated version when my fall grades are added?

A. There is no need to do this - the applications will not be looked at until after the deadline has passed, which is well after most schools release Fall grades.

Q. I studied abroad in the fall and my grades will be delayed until near or after the application deadline. What do I do?

A. Please email a transcript with everything that you have and in the text of the email indicate when you expect to get your study abroad grades in. Then send the updated transcript as soon as the transfer credits appear.

Q. I transferred from another college - do you want both transcripts?

A. Yes, please send us digital copies of all college transcripts.

Q. Can I work with a specific faculty member if I am accepted?

A. You can request this, but we cannot promise ahead of time that a specific professor listed on the website will be able to take a summer student. We do our best to match each student who is accepted with a professor whose interests match the student's.

Q. Do you consider applications from graduating seniors?

A. The program is intended for students who still have college years ahead of them, so a graduating senior would not qualify.

Q. My school is on a quarter system and finals are not until after your program starts. Can I start the program late?

A. Because of time constraints, we are not able to allow student to start the program late.

Q. When will decisions be sent out?
A. The decision process will start right after the deadline, but will continue for a few weeks. We do try to make the decisions as soon as we can. We expect all decisions to be made by the end of March.

Q. How do I know if my application is complete?

A. We will email you when we have received all of your application materials. In addition, starting in the middle of January, we will send out periodic emails updating you on the status of your application. This will likely happen around Jan 3rd, Jan 16th, and Jan 29th. Once you have been emailed that your application is complete, you will no longer receive these updates.

Q. I have transferred enough credits from APs that my class standing is an upcoming junior even though I have only attended college for one year. Can I still apply?

A. As long as your college or university considers you to have junior standing at the end of the Spring semester of the current year, you are eligible to apply.

Q. I realized I made an error on the web application - what do I do?

A. Please email SummerResearch@brandeis.edu explaining the error and include the new information. We will update your application for you.

Q. I cannot attend the entire session, can I still apply?

A. In general no, although an absence of a few days can be accommodated if there are compelling reasons for the absence. It is especially important that all participants be present at the beginning and end of the program.