

FYRE Summer FAQs

1. What will my schedule be like for research?

Summer Research for 2021 will take place from Monday, May 17th to Friday, June 4th. Research will be a fulltime commitment (about 40 hours each week). You will work with your professor to schedule and fulfill your 40 hours each week. You will generally have evenings, weekends, and Memorial Day free, and there will be programming available during those times, which we hope you attend.

2. Can I take a class or have another job during those three weeks?

No. Our expectation is that your primary commitment will be to the FYRE research. In the past, FYRE students have not been successful trying to balance research with a job or a class (even online) because of the heavy research schedule. In extreme cases, we have made exceptions to this restriction. Unless the FYRE Program Director has explicitly given you an exemption, you may not take on any other academic or work commitments during the three weeks of your research.

3. When and how do I move into my assigned residence hall for the summer research?

You will receive more specific information (roommate assignment, moving dates and times, procedures, etc.) directly from Res Life when they have completed housing assignments. We will send more information about moving closer to the beginning date of the summer research.

4. Where and how do I eat? What will the dining options be?

The Damen dining hall will be open during the three weeks of research. You will need to check in at the front register. Please note that the dining hall will be open for certain hours at breakfast, lunch, and dinner. These details will be updated and shared with you as they are finalized. For those of you staying on campus between finals and the start of research, there will be a few days the dining halls are closed completely when we will provide other food options for lunch and dinner. You will be emailed directly about that.

5. Will I have access to the Halas Rec Center?

The FYRE Program will pay for your access to Halas for the summer if you choose to use the facility. Your ID will not work to scan in, but they will have a list of participant names at the front desk. Please make sure you respond to a separate email asking if you would like access to Halas.

6. Will there be a closing ceremony?

Yes. Your parents or family are welcome to attend this ceremony, and more details will be provided closer to the date. We expect all FYRE students to move out of the summer residence hall after 4pm that day. Students at LUREC will return by bus to LSC for the closing ceremony. The ceremony will take place on Friday, June 4th, from 2:00pm until 4:00pm.

7. What are the on-campus rules for the summer?

During the summer, the Community Standards (<http://luc.edu/osccr/resources/communitystandards/>) will still apply in full. In the residence hall there will be a night monitor at the hall front desk, two RAs, and professional staff on call to support the safety and well being of all summer residents. To respect the safety and privacy of everyone in the residence hall, no guests will be allowed after midnight. During the day and evening, you may have guests without obtaining a guest pass in advance. Students at LUREC will be expected to follow the same standards, and an RA has been hired to live and work specifically with these students.

8. When will I be paid?

We will submit payments during the last week of your research. The payments can take up to three to process after that point. Please fill out and return the W9 tax form to make sure we can process your payment quickly. Please note that taxes will be taken out of your stipend, and your final payment will end up being less than \$1,000.

9. How do I fill out the tax form?

Download the form from this link: http://www.luc.edu/media/lucedu/finance/pdfs/Substitute_W9.pdf. Then, open the form in the latest version of Adobe Reader (use a Loyola desktop if you have trouble, as any other program will likely not work). Do not fill out these sections: "Website (URL)", "Business/parent name... above", "ACH your Payment Information", "Contact Information", and "NAICS #". Fill in the rest of the form with your information. Under "Federal Tax Classification," you should check "Individual/Sole Proprietor." A paper check will be mailed to the address you put on the form. When finished, save and email the form to fyre@luc.edu for review. There are also paper copies available if you would rather fill it out by hand, which you may request from fyre@luc.edu.

10. Can I park on campus?

If you had a parking pass for the Spring semester, it will continue working through the summer research dates, and you may park in the parking garage during the day.

Overnight parking on campus will not be possible. For other parking needs, you will need to find street parking around Loyola.

11. Will Ventra passes be working during my research?

No. The spring Ventra U-passes expire at the end of the second semester. You will need to add passes or value to your Ventra in order to use them over the summer. For those of you doing your research at the Health Sciences Division, we will provide transportation.

12. What can I do after FYRE?

Your participation in the FYRE program will officially end after you complete your research. To continue the spirit of FYRE, you can continue working with your research professor, find another research professor to work with, or become a mentor for next year's FYRE students. Watch your emails for internship opportunities and informational sessions specifically for FYRE students, and share your research at various on- or off-campus conferences. Feel free to email us at fyre@luc.edu for support in pursuing other STEM activities after FYRE.

13. Why do I have a housing charge on my student account for the summer?

Some of you might notice a charge on your account for summer housing. We will apply a credit to your student account to cover the cost of that housing. You will not have to pay for any of your summer room or board.

Again, please email fyre@luc.edu if you have any further questions or concerns not addressed in these FAQs.