

Student Mentors in the Swarthmore Summer Scholars Program (S³P)

As we have learned in the 8 years of the Program, the Student Mentors are the ‘secret sauce’ in the S³P recipe for a successful program. The Director, the faculty, and Dean Henry take this hiring process very seriously. The job combines aspects of being a teaching assistant and a resident assistant. Please direct any questions via email to Corey Falls, S³P Coordinator cfalls1@swarthmore.edu

Six students will be hired as student mentors: 2 to support each subject: Math, Writing, Lab Science (Computer Science in 2023)

Schedule for summer 2023:

Weeks of July 17 and July 24: training for RA and TA roles

Weeks of July 31, Aug 7, 14, 21: supporting 16 S³P scholars

Week of Aug 28 follow up with Director and Coordinator of S³P

Responsibilities:

- Support 16 summer scholars during the 4 weeks of the summer Program
- Serve as subject matter teaching assistants (TAs) support the faculty who will be teaching the 3 subjects
- Run the 5 study hall sessions each week
- Serve as RAs – (even in the virtual program): providing tours, talking about resources on campus to support academics, physical and mental health, social activities
- Train for 2 weeks before the Program formally begins
- Attend and report at weekly S³P staff meetings during the summer
- Follow up with the Director in the week following the summer Program

Requirements:

- Have demonstrated knowledge and performance in the subject area that they will support
- Have strong commitment to inclusive diversity in the Swarthmore community
- Are dependable team members with strong communication skills
- Have awareness of first-gen/low-income (FLI) student challenges and opportunities

FAQs:

- Can I apply to support more than one subject? *Yes, but you will be hired to support only one subject.*
- Do you hire alumni of the S³P? *Sometimes, but it is not a requirement of applicants.*
- How much is the stipend? *The same amount as is paid for 10-week summer research (\$5,500); although full-time involvement with S³P is only for 6.5 weeks, there is more work in the evenings and on weekends during the Program.*
- I know there is a 5th week of the Program prior to the spring semester; are student mentors involved with that? *No; your involvement ends with the week of follow up after the summer Program.*
- Can I get paid for a summer research project AND be an S³P student mentor? *No; to be fair to other students: one stipend per summer.*
- Can I apply for this as a graduating senior? *No; unless you are returning in the fall to complete student teaching in Education.*
- Can I have another job during the training and S³P summer session? *No; this is a full-time commitment.*
- Will S³P be on campus or virtual this coming summer? *Both! The first two weeks will be virtual and the final two weeks will be on campus*
- Where will I live during the program? *You will live in an apartment on campus with the other mentors until you move into your fall 2023 housing assignment.*

