



Fred Hutch Cancer Center

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2026 Program for Advancing Career Exploration

The Fred Hutch Program for Advancing Career Exploration (PACE) is a 5-week program designed for students from 2-year and 4-year colleges who are interested in pursuing careers in the biomedical sciences. This program introduces students to a wide array of roles in the biomedical sciences that do not require an MD or PhD and welcome a diverse array of skills and interests. As part of the program, students will attend Fred Hutch one day per week for 5 weeks, exploring careers in possible areas ranging from Flow Cytometry and Proteomics to Clinical Research Support. Students will meet professionals to learn about their roles and career paths and work through real-life scientific case studies. In addition, students will gain professional skills, such as building a strong resume and networking, that will prepare them to apply for positions.

Program Schedule

July 8th 2026 to August 5th 2026, Wednesdays from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center – Preference will be given to applicants who are able to attend all program days.

Application Instructions

It is not possible for you to save your progress in the application portal. We recommend that you review the [application](#) and prepare your responses in advance before and then later copy them into the application portal when ready to submit.

Application due: 11:59 pm on April 6th, 2026

Letters of recommendation due: 11:59pm on April 20th, 2026 - We recommend you review the [website](#) for Letter of Recommendation tips.

Applicants will be notified by: Late-May 2026

Contact: hutchadvance@fredhutch.org, Attn: PACE Inquiry

[Begin Application](#)

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Applicant Information

First Name*

Middle Name

Last name*

E-mail *

ex: myname@example.com
Confirm Email

An email confirmation will be sent to this address. Please type carefully.

Phone Number

555,555-5555

Permanent Home Address

Street Address*

Street Address Line 2

City *

State *

Please Select

Zip Code (5 digits only)*

Ex. 99510

How did you learn about this opportunity? Check all that apply.*

- Email announcement
- Professor
- Fellow student
- Open house
- Virtual info session
- In-person info session
- Other

Have you ever participated in any of these Fred Hutch programs? Check all that apply.*

- Pathways Research Explorers
- Summer High School Internship Program
- Pathways Undergraduate Researchers
- Clinical Scholars Program
- LabLaunch Program
- Other

Which program days are you available to attend? Check all that apply. Please note that preference will be given to those able to attend all program days.*

- July 8th, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm
- July 15th, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm
- July 22nd, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm
- July 29th, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm
- August 5th, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

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Education

What is the highest degree you hope to earn? Check all that apply.

- BA/BS
- MA/MS
- MPH
- PhD
- MD
- MD/PhD
- Other health degree, e.g. DDS
- Law degree
- Other

Upload a transcript*

Current College/ University

School Name*

Dates *

MM/YYYY - MM/YYYY

Major *

Expected date of graduation*

 mm-dd-yyyy

Date

Previous College/ University

School Name

Dates

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Statement of Interest and Career Goals

1. Tell us about yourself, your background, and your career goals. How do you currently see yourself contributing to science and/or healthcare in the next five years? (100 to 300 words)*

Type here...

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2. Why does the Program for Advancing Career Exploration (PACE) interest you, and how do you see it helping you progress toward your career goals? (100 to 300 words)*

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Recommendations

Enter the name(s) and respective email addresses for two (2) individuals who will submit a recommendation on your behalf. An automatic email will be sent to these individuals with a link to the recommendation form for them to fill out. We recommend that you contact your references directly to ensure they have received the message. Recommendations must be returned to us by April 20th, 2026.

Recommender 1 First Name*

Recommender 1 Last Name*

Recommender 1 Email*

An email will be sent to this address requesting a letter of recommendation on your behalf.

Recommender 2 First Name *

Recommender 2 Last Name*

Recommender 2 Email*

An email will be sent to this address requesting a letter of recommendation on your behalf.

Are you 18 years or older?

- Yes
- No

Clicking the "Submit Application" button will submit your application to the PACE Program. Changes cannot be made once you submit your application.

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