Frequently Asked Questions and Answers (FAQ)

1. **How do I find out if I am eligible for this internship?**

   Students must be undergraduate students enrolled in two- or four-year colleges or universities. Students are expected to work at least 8 hours per day, 5 days per week in the lab for the duration of the 10-week period. Students are expected to attend all program activities, including orientation, seminars, and the poster symposium. Students must be U.S. citizens/permanent residents or currently enrolled Stanford University Undergraduates.

2. **Is this internship only suitable for students with AP biology or AP Chemistry?**

   There are no prerequisites or course study requirements pertaining to this internship program. Students who are interested in this field are welcome and encouraged to apply.

3. **Does the Canary Center assist students in obtaining US visas?**

   The Canary Center will not assist with obtaining visas.

4. **Will the Canary Center provide housing for students who do not live locally?**

   Yes, there will be a one-time $1,000 housing allowance for the 10 week program to assist students who do not live locally. Please obtain housing independently.

5. **Will the Canary Center provide travel assistance for students who do not live locally?**

   Yes, there will be a one-time $1,000 travel allowance for the 10 week program to assist students with their airfare or mileage expenses.

6. **Will I get paid for this internship?**

   Yes, this program is funded by the NCI. All participants receive $4,000 for completion of the 10-week program. For Stanford undergraduate students, additional internal funding may be available.

7. **How many students usually apply for these positions?**

   In previous years between 250 and 300 students applied to this internship program and 20-30 interns were accepted.

8. **During the selection process, will potential candidates be interviewed in person?**

   Mentors will decide to conduct interviews either in person, via telephone or Skype.

9. **Should transcripts be officially released, or are unofficial copies acceptable?**

   Both official and unofficial transcripts are accepted.
10. I have to provide a reference. What does this mean?
Applicants must ask a teacher or professor to be their reference. This person should be able to comment on the applicant’s interest and aptitude for science and their potential as an intern. During the application review process, interested Mentors may ask the reference for a letter of recommendation, or to speak with them via telephone.

**Note:** Letters of recommendation should not be submitted at the time of application.

11. What should be included in the Motivation Essay? (Mandatory)
Students should indicate their motivation, what they hope to learn and the importance of this internship. This essay should be no more than 5,000 characters. It needs to be uploaded and also pasted in the appropriate text field on the application portal.

12. What is the Unique Characteristics Statement? (Optional)
Students should describe how their background, life or work experiences, culture, socio-economic status, sex, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or other factors would contribute to the diversity of this internship program. This essay should be no more than 2,000 characters. Please copy and paste the essay in the appropriate text field on the application portal.

13. The website states that the internship lasts 10 weeks. During this time, are students allowed to take vacation and make up that time by extending the end date of the internship?
Students are expected to work in the lab at least 8 hours per day, 5 days per week during the 10-week internship period. Students must be present during orientation and the Internship Poster Symposium. Any exceptions that are made to this schedule (due to special circumstances) are at the discretion of the Mentor and the Program Directors, and must be worked out prior to starting the program. Typically, interns are not granted vacation time.

14. What happens after I submit my application?
Immediately after submitting your application a confirmation email will be sent to the email provided during registration. If you do not receive a confirmation email, contact canarycrest@stanford.edu immediately.

15. If my application shows “Saved”, has it been submitted?
No. If the application portal shows “Saved” your application has not been submitted. Contact canarycrest@stanford.edu for assistance.

16. Is it okay for me to mail or email all my application materials in one packet instead of submitting them online?
No. All Applications must be completed and submitted online. Hard copies or emailed copies of applications will not be accepted.

17. This is my senior year in high school, am I eligible to apply for this internship opportunity?
Yes, if you will be considered an undergraduate student this upcoming fall you are eligible to apply.

18. I am senior at an accredited institution, am I still eligible to apply for this internship opportunity?
   Yes, if you are a senior at an accredited institution you may submit an application.