



Rutgers Youth Enjoy Science

Mentored Cancer Research Internship Summer 2026 and 2027

RUYES Program Application Writing Prompt

Please respond to the following prompts in a **five-paragraph** format. Your answer should provide thoughtful, well-organized responses that reflect your experiences, goals, and motivation for applying to the RUYES program.

Please address the following areas:

- **Learning and Growth:** Describe your most impactful learning experience—academic or personal—and explain how it has shaped your interests, skills, or approach to learning.
- **Goals and Aspirations:** Discuss your long-term educational and career goals and explain how participation in the RUYES program aligns with these objectives.
- **Research and Community Impact:** Explain what you hope to gain from the RUYES research experience and how it will help you advance your professional goals while contributing to reducing cancer health disparities within your community.

Your response should demonstrate your ability to reflect thoughtfully, communicate clearly, and connect your personal experiences with your academic and professional goals. Follow the format below.

Paragraph 1 – Introduction

Introduce yourself and share your motivation for applying to the RUYES program. Briefly explain what inspires your interest in research and how this program fits into your overall educational journey.

Paragraph 2 – Learning and Growth

Describe your most impactful learning experience. This experience may come from school, work, community service, or personal growth. Explain what you learned from it and how it shaped your approach to problem-solving, collaboration, or discovery.

Paragraph 3 – Goals and Aspirations

Discuss your long-term educational and career goals. Describe the field or profession you aspire to pursue and how your academic background has prepared you for it. Be specific about how RUYES aligns with your future aspirations.

Paragraph 4 – Research Experience

Explain what you hope to gain from the RUYES research experience. Consider the skills, mentorship, and knowledge you would like to develop, as well as how this opportunity will help you reach your professional goals.

Paragraph 5 – Community Impact

Reflect on how participating in RUYES will allow you to make a positive impact—both professionally and within your community. Specifically, discuss how you plan to use this experience to contribute to reducing cancer health disparities and promote equity in health outcomes in your area.