GeneLab for Highs Schools
Frequently Asked Questions

1. Do I need to be a US citizen to participate in the GL4HS Program?

Yes, only US citizens are eligible to apply. Green card and visa holders are not eligible.

2. Is the GL4HS program held synchronously or asynchronously?

The GL4HS Program is held synchronously from 8 am – 3 pm PT daily. Students are expected to attend all 4 weeks of the program during these times.

3. My family is taking a vacation during the program, am I still eligible to attend?

No, students must be in attendance from 8 am – 3 pm PT daily throughout the program. If a student's family is taking a vacation during the program, you are not eligible to attend.

4. I will be overseas during the program, am I still eligible to attend?

No, student's must be present in the United States for the entirety of the program.

5. Will I receive feedback on my application?

Due to the large number of applications we receive, we are unable to provide individual feedback to applicants.

6. Do I need a recommendation letter for my application?

Letters of recommendation will be requested for a group of students by the selection committee. You will be notified if a letter of recommendation is requested to supplement your application.

7. After completing the application form, I received an error message saying 'Something went wrong'. How can I confirm it was received by your office?

If you experience an error after submitting your application, please send an email to the GL4HS team at arc-gl4hs@mail.nasa.gov. If your application did not go through, you may be able to submit your application using email. A team representative will work with you to ensure your application is received.

8. Can I go back and edit my application form after I submitted it?

Yes, you may make changes to your form until the application period closes on February 4. After submitting your form, you should receive a confirmation email with a unique link to access your application form.

9. **If I have information on my application that requires further elaboration, can I send that separately? If so, how?**

If you need to send additional information with your application, send it in an email to arc-gl4hs@mail.nasa.gov and be sure to include your full name and reference your application.

10. **I'm not a junior or senior (7th grade/Freshman, etc), but am taking junior/senior level high**
    school courses because I'm more advanced. Am I eligible to apply?

No, only rising juniors and seniors are eligible to apply.

11. **I do not see a place on the application where I can submit any letters of recommendation? How can I send them?**

The reference you list on your application may be contacted by the NASA GL4HS team to request a letter of recommendation. Letters of recommendation will not be accepted during the initial application review period. Please do not submit them. A selection of candidate references will be contacted after the initial reviews to request a letter of recommendation.

12. **How do I redact my transcript?**

Please refer to the GL4HS application website for examples of correctly redacted transcripts. Please note that applications with incorrectly redacted transcripts will be deemed non-compliant and will not be considered for the GL4HS Program.

13. **What are the goals of the GL4HS Program?**

The goals of the GL4HS program are to train and inspire the next generation of scientists to become involved in space biology and 'omics research. Our program is designed to teach students about space biology, 'omics, and how to use 'omics research to develop novel hypotheses from existing data.

14. **What are the expectations for participating in the GL4HS program?**

Students are expected to fully participate in all 4 weeks of the program from 8 am – 3 pm PT. Students will be expected to attend all lectures and networking sessions throughout the program.

Students are also expected to work in teams under the guidance of the GL4HS program mentors to analyze a dataset and develop a research proposal based on their analysis. Students will also be expected to complete a written research proposal and present their work to NASA scientists during the final week of the program.

15. When will I hear back about my application?

Acceptance notifications and offer letters will be sent out late March 2024.