WELCOME TO PSEARCH 2021!

We are very excited that you have chosen to join us for our program this summer. Our mission is to equip incoming first years with opportunities and resources to cultivate their intellectual curiosity and form meaningful relationships with faculty and fellow students. We believe you can help us accomplish this, and we look forward to what the summer holds!

Getting to Duke:

- **Flying:** Plan to arrive at RDU on **Tuesday, August 3rd between 8am and 2:45 pm.**
  - The Project Search student staff will be picking participants up from the airport at the times you have indicated on the arrival survey.
- **Driving:** Plan to arrive at Duke Campus on **Tuesday, August 3rd between 9am and 3:15pm.** (NOTE: If you are bringing your car to Duke, you will not have access to it once the program begins for the duration of the program).
- In case of questions on arrival day, please email projectsearch@duke.edu

Arrival Information:

All students need to complete an entry test when they arrive at Duke. Entry tests will be done on West Campus at Penn Pavillion. We expect the testing process to be a smooth and quick one and it should take less than thirty minutes - hopefully closer to ten.

Students should sign up for an appointment on August 3 using the following link: https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/StudentEntryTesting@ProdDuke.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/

After completing their entry test, students can check in with East Campus Housing to move in. You will be able to change your appointment date and time if needed. A parking pass will be sent to you shortly before your appointment date.

Questions or Concerns:

- Family members can reach out to projectsearch@duke.edu for general questions or concerns, as this email is regularly checked by the program directors. For more specific questions, you can also email Lexy Markunas (Executive Director), Molly Chakraborty (Science Track Director), Satya Khurana (Humanities Track Director), or the Office of New Student Programming (specifically Jordan Hale, the Director of New Student Programs):
  - Project Search: projectsearch@duke.edu
  - Lexy Markunas: alexandra.markunas@duke.edu
  - Molly Chakraborty: molly.chakraborty@duke.edu
  - Satya Khurana: satya.khurana@duke.edu
  - Jordan Hale: jordan.hale@duke.edu
  - New Student Programs Office:
    - Phone: (919) 684-3511
    - Email: studentorientation@duke.edu

Emergency Information:

- In case of an emergency, Duke University Police Department (DUPD) and emergency services can be contacted at the numbers below:
  - Non-emergencies: (919) 684-2444
  - Emergencies: 911
Moving Into your East Campus Dorm

You will likely be staying in your Fall dorm assignment during pSearch, but there is the possibility that your dorm will not be ready for move-in as some Summer Session students are currently residing on East Campus. For this reason, we recommend that you bring only what you need for the two weeks of the program, if possible. This is so that you do not have to transport all of your belongings twice in the case that you have a temporary assignment.

Students have also taken a variety of approaches in the past to move into their East Campus dorm after the program ends:

- Parents drive to Duke with the rest of the student’s items at the end of the program
- Students have items shipped to their dorm at the end of the program
- Students purchase items for their dorm during orientation week
- Students manage to fit everything they own into two suitcases to bring on a plane

*If parents or family members are planning to meet students at Duke, keep in mind we still have program activities Friday, August 13th.

pSearch Packing List

Clothes
In addition to everyday clothes to wear outside (it will likely be hot and humid), please bring:
- Sweatshirt/jacket to wear in the air-conditioning
- Business casual outfit
- Exercise clothing/sneakers (you will have access to the gyms, so feel free to bring any small personal sports equipment that you would like)
- Bathing suit
- Closed-toe shoes (for biology students)

*Note: Biology track students are required to wear lab-appropriate attire for the lab every day. This means closed-toe shoes and long hair pulled back.

pSearch Dorm room
- Twin XL sheets
- Comforter/blanket if needed
- Pillow and pillow case
- Shower tote
- Toiletries
- Beach towel and shower towel
- Shower shoes (flip flops)
- Laundry bag
- Laundry detergent (laundry machines available in dorms)

*We will be going to Target during the first few days (but not the very first day!) to pick up any remaining toiletries you were unable to bring with you.
**Everyday life**
- Backpack
- Laptop (if you are ordering one from Duke, let us know so we can coordinate a pick-up)
- Pen/pencil
- Water Bottle
- Umbrella
- Sunscreen/bug spray
- Hand sanitizer
- Extra cloth/disposable masks

**Money/FLEX Account**
- Project Search will cover the vast majority of meals and activities during the program. For optional trips on the weekends (such as excursions to the Farmer’s Market or brunch in downtown Durham), students will be expected to cover the cost of food and other items if they wish to purchase anything. If you want to bring extra money for snacks, items you need at Target, laundry, things from the Duke store, etc., that is also something to consider. There are ATMs available on campus. Also be aware that you may need to call to inform your credit card company that you’ll be in North Carolina.

- It is also recommended that you add funds to your Duke Flex account, connected to your Duke Card (which you receive at the beginning of the program). Flex points can be used in the laundry machines, for on-campus food, in the Duke store, and to buy non-food items on campus (some toiletries, school supplies etc). These points are also used during the school year and funds can be added as needed.

**Allergies/Medication**
Please send an email projectsearch@duke.edu if you have any allergies (especially food allergies, lactose intolerance, or gluten intolerance) or food restrictions so we can make sure we keep that in mind when we are planning our lunches/dinners. Also, remember to have a supply of any needed medication before the program, as it is difficult to pick up medication during the program.

**Payment**
The charge for the program will appear in your Bursar account in August (the same place where you pay for your tuition). Questions about payment/financial aid should be directed to the Office of New Student Programs (studentorientation@duke.edu or 919-684-3511) as pSearch is unable to process payments.

**Communication and Social Media**
Feel free to follow us on Instagram @psearchduke. Please check your Duke emails frequently for information about the program throughout the summer, especially in the weeks leading up to the program! We are so excited for you to participate in pSearch, and we’ll see you in August!