How do I get involved in research at NCC?
Logistics

• Website
• Email from Dr. Mauro in ~2 weeks
• Due: 4 pm on March 3rd, 2017 (Friday of Week 9)
• The form will ask for your basic information (name, major, contact info, etc.) and for classes you have taken
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• You will also be asked to rank four research groups you are interested in joining
• Paid vs. volunteer
• Living on campus (~$150/week) or commuting
• Comfortable presenting research at meetings
• CV and cover letter
Talk to the faculty member

• Your application should not come as a surprise to them

• Do some research into the lab, and come up with good questions you can ask during the meeting

• Keep in mind - we always get more applications than there are positions
What goes into your Cover letter?

• The position you are interested in and why you are interested in it.
• What attributes can you bring to the position? How are you a good fit?

• What will this position will give you? How might it help you with future goals?
What should your CV include?

- **Education**: In college you can put high school but once graduated, drop High school, GPA

- **Relevant experience**: Tailor to the position you are looking for (you might have more than 1 version of your CV)
  - Relevant coursework
  - Research Experience
  - Work experiences (volunteering, shadowing, working with patients)
  - Extracurricular/Leadership Experience
  - Conference Presentations
How do I get involved in research outside NCC?
Applying to a Summer Research Program

• Personal Information in form of CV or resume

• Transcripts (NCC and previous schools)

• Letter of Interest/Intent (1-2 pages)

• Letters of Recommendation (2-3 faculty members who know you well and can write a strong letter)
Do your own Research!

- Do not apply blindly! Do research on various programs.
- Use more than one site to look for programs.
- Identify different types of research done at the different programs.
- Identify aspects of these program(s) that NCC does NOT offer and identify reasons why you want to go to one of these labs.
Be Organized

• Order transcripts ahead of time. It can take up to two weeks to get them

• Keep track of application deadlines and materials.

• Give letter writers enough notice (several weeks)
How to ask for a letter of recommendation

- Make sure the person you are asking knows you well enough to write a personal letter
- Go in person and ask if the letter writer can write you a strong letter of recommendation
- Provide the letter writer with
  - Your CV/resume
  - Personal statement if possible (one for each position if necessary)
  - A summary sheet with information on where to submit each letter and the deadline for submission
- Always send a thank you note to your letter writers once they have sent the letters.
Letter of Interest/Intent

• Keep it short and concise but include relevant research experience or research in course work

• Outline your particular research interests

• Outline your professional goals

• How will this program match interests/help with professional goals

• Make it personal: anecdote or narrative that gives a unique sense of you and your motivation

• Proofread!
Don’t despair if you don’t get in

• If you are not selected for a paid position at NCC, perhaps you can volunteer this summer.

• National programs are very competitive - less than 10% acceptance rate

• Get involved with D-term research

• Talk to a professor about an independent study. You can get course credit for your work.

• Get involved on campus (TA, tutoring, clubs). Bring your grades up. Make yourself a stronger candidate