



SPARK Research Mentorship Program at Mayo Clinic in Florida
Science Program for the Advancement of Research Knowledge

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND CHECKLIST FOR STUDENTS

Thank you for your interest in applying to SPARK at Mayo Clinic in Florida! It is an extremely competitive program for high-performing science students who will be entering their work in the science fair as juniors and seniors for the upcoming school year.

Below are the requirements and steps to apply once you have been recommended by your science teacher. This form is a guide to ensure you have followed all the necessary steps for applying to the program and does not need to be submitted. **You may submit an abstract and cover letter to a max of two different labs for consideration.**

1. _____ Finalize a research interest/science fair topic.
2. _____ Research faculty and labs listed on the [SPARK website](#).
3. _____ Completed Scholars Application with required signatures.
4. _____ SPARK Required Official Abstract(s) with typed or written signature.
5. _____ Transcript from your high school. (9th-current grade level, unofficial)
6. _____ Cover letter(s) explaining:
 - why you would like to be a research scholar at the Mayo Clinic
 - **which lab/Faculty Mentor you are selecting,**
 - what you can offer during your mentorship, and
 - what you expect to gain from this mentorship.
7. _____ Science Teacher Recommendation Form from your **current** science teacher. (Sent separately by the science teacher)

Things to remember:

- Hard copies of the items above can be faxed to 904.953.0742
- Electronic copies should be scanned and/or saved with your name included in file name, i.e. JoeSmith_Official Abstract, JoeSmith_Transcript, etc. for individual documents OR JoeSmith_SPARK if all documents are included in one file.
- Electronic copies should be sent to FlaSPARK@mayo.edu
- A confirmation will be emailed of your submission
- **Application, abstract, transcript, cover letter and science teacher recommendation form due Friday, February 1, 2019**