



DEAL Application 2024-2025

Eligibility

Are you an undergraduate student as of the 2024-2025 academic year?

- Yes
 No

Acknowledgments

Before you apply, please be aware of the following:

Applications received by the DEAL substantially outnumber assistantships offered: during 2023-2024, 49 hires were made among 189 applicants. Many highly qualified students will therefore go unrecruited simply because there are so many more of you than the amount of positions available. As such, applications that lack requested information, including your resume and transcript along with a thoughtful explanation of your interest/expectations and tangible expression of how you might contribute to the DEAL community beyond your research assistance, are unlikely to merit serious consideration.

Please acknowledge your understanding that applying to the DEAL does not guarantee eventual placement and incomplete applications have little chance of succeeding.

- Yes

In addition...

Assistantship availability is determined by individual faculty needs rather than the director acting on behalf of the lab at large. Recruiting is most active at the beginning of fall, and also commonly occurs at the end of fall along with the beginning and end of spring. However, at least a few positions are likely to open over the course of each semester. Because the amount and timing of hiring is very difficult to predict, you will NOT receive a status update after you apply. You can assume that your application will remain active throughout the 2024-2025 academic year and, for those who are not currently seniors, 2025 summer. In the meantime, you can provide additional information that you think might be useful for us to consider at any time by submitting a new application form and completing only the fields that you wish to update.

Please acknowledge your understanding that recruiting is decentralized and you need not take further action to be considered for positions that become available through summer 2025.

Yes

Furthermore...

DEAL participation requires steady work effort resulting in the timely production of deliverables. Scholars are expected to regularly meet with faculty and team members, consistently document and provide status updates on work activity, promptly respond to emails (including from the director!), and expeditiously seek clarification when assigned tasks are unclear. RAs are an essential part of the research production function: not fulfilling work obligations, including being unreachable by your team for any length of time, adversely affects faculty productivity and can therefore result in your termination.

Moreover, as we build the lab into a collaborative research community, contributions benefiting the lab apart from your specific research team are also expected, such as maintaining a presence in our lab space (Social Sciences 311) along with attending or assisting with organizing various events and training sessions. Failure to participate in at least some lab-wide programs can also result in termination.

Please acknowledge your understanding of the responsibilities that accompany the Woodman Scholar title and consequences of not fulfilling them.

Yes

And finally...

Duke cannot compensate undergraduates working outside of North Carolina, but also requires that students are paid if employed in a Duke position. This means that you must be on campus during the academic year, or in-state during the summer, to be eligible for initial hire. Previously hired Scholars in good standing are considered inactive while studying away from Duke, but retain their RA position upon return without the need to reapply.

Please acknowledge your understanding of the locational requirements for being hired by the DEAL.

Yes

Applicant info

What is your expected graduation term (e.g., Spring 2027 if your sophomore year begins Fall 2024)?

If you have a preferred nickname, what is it? (Your full name, NetID, and Duke email are captured automatically.)

If you have preferred pronouns, what are they?

Why are you interested in joining the DEAL and what do you hope to achieve as a Woodman Scholar?

With which economics department faculty would you particularly like to work? Those currently offering DEAL projects are listed at <https://econ.duke.edu/deal/people>, but other faculty appearing on the department faculty page might eventually participate as well. You can also feel free to indicate if you have no preference or are willing to work with faculty not on your list.

Among the economics fields listed as main categories or subheadings at <https://econ.duke.edu/mentors-majors>, indicate any in which you have particular interest and briefly explain if there are specific motivations for these choices. You're again welcome to indicate if you have no preference or are willing to work in fields not on your list.

Attach a PDF copy of your resume with the name [Your NetID]_resume (e.g., jd504_resume.pdf).

Attach a PDF copy of your current Duke transcript (unofficial is fine), or your high school/previous college transcript if you have not yet completed a semester at Duke, similarly named [Your NetID]_transcript (e.g., jd504_transcript.pdf).

For each core course below, indicate the semester you took it (e.g., Fall 2023) and your letter grade, or the current semester (without a grade) if now enrolled in it. Leave blank any that you have not taken -- and remember that not yet having studied economics at Duke does not automatically exclude you from consideration!

	Have you taken...	
	Semester	Grade
Econ 101	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Econ 104	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Econ 201	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Econ 204	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Econ 205	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Econ 210	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

What are your declared, intended, or currently most likely major(s)/minor(s)/certificate(s)?

List your software/programming skills (e.g., STATA, Python, R, Matlab, GIS, and anything else you think is relevant), as well as your level of proficiency in each (beginner, intermediate, advanced).

Briefly describe any previous research experience you have (faculty advisor, project, your role).

A continuing goal of the DEAL is to become more of a cohesive community that raises the welfare of its members, and even the department and university at large, beyond the research assistance provided by RAs to faculty. How do you envision contributing to this goal?

Are you eligible to receive work study funds to subsidize your compensation? (Virtually all domestic students who complete the FAFSA and international students receiving need-based aid are.)

What is your ideal start date?

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