

## Explore BiGG Data REEU Expectations

The Explore BiGG Data is a highly selective program for students who wish to prepare for graduate programs and careers in BiGG sciences. The following are the expectations for the program:

- Students are **highly motivated and willing to explore** research opportunities outside of their academic comfort zone. Team members will be chosen to complement academic strengths. No one is expected to understand all of the computer science and biology that will be used in this program. Everyone will be learning new concepts and technology. Teamwork is essential for the Explore BiGG Data REEU.
- Students selected to participate in this program will be **present for the full eight weeks of** programming. The time frame was chosen to allow students opportunities for other activities prior to and after the program. Students will be provided a holiday on July 4, 2023.
- Work hours for the BiGG Scholars program are determined by your research team mentors and your project. You will spend a minimum of eight hours per day, but some days will require more than eight hours. There are no concrete daily start or end times. BiGG Scholars is a full-time commitment **so students cannot take courses or have other employment** during the eight week period.
- All students are expected to **participate in all scheduled activities of the program**. The majority of student time will be spent with the Research Team, but equally important is the training in leadership and communication. Other requirements include Responsible Conduct in Research Training, Bioethics Training, Laboratory Safety Training, and program evaluation activities. Each week, all teams will meet as a group with mentors and Dr. Gwinn to report progress. All students are expected to be effective team members and respectful of all participants.
- All students, faculty, and other BiGG contributors are expected to be responsible citizens of the campus community, and **adhere to policies, rules, and regulations of the University of Tennessee**.
- Students will **present their research at an end of the program symposium and submit a research report** to their mentors and the Program Director during the last week of the program.

We look forward to welcoming you to the University of Tennessee for a stimulating, rewarding, and fun experience. Any concerns that affect your ability to fully benefit from the program should be discussed with your Research Mentors and/or the Program Director.

*Checking the relevant option on your application will confirm that you have read and agree to the above expectations.*