Summer Engineering Academy (SEA) 2017
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

The Application Process

Can I apply to any program I want?
No, applicants can only apply for the program that matches their current grade level.

What is required for the application?
Each program requires some biographical and academic information. In addition:

- **MITE** requires two recommendations
- **SEP** requires one recommendation
- **SCEEP** requires three recommendations, two essays, and your ACT and/or SAT standardized test scores

What is the deadline for submitting an application?

For MITE AND SEP:
- **Applicant Information** - All information is due no later than **Saturday, March 4, 2017, 11:59 pm EST**.
- **Teacher and Counselor Recommendations** - Teacher and counselor recommendations are due no later than **Saturday, March 18, 2017, 11:59 pm EST**.

For SCEEP
- **Applicant Information** - All information is due no later than **Saturday, March 4, 2017, 11:59 pm EST**.
- **Teacher and Counselor Recommendations** - Teacher and counselor recommendations are due no later than **Saturday, March 18, 2017, 11:59 pm EST**.
- **SAT and/or ACT scores**
  - We must receive confirmation of the applicant’s highest test scores by **May 12, 2017**. A screenshot or copy of the applicant test scores, with full name visible, must be submitted by **May 12, 2017**.
  - If applicants have not taken and received scores for the ACT or SAT by the **March 4, 2017** SCEEP application deadline, applicants must enter "00" for all fields as the score for that test on the application.
  - If applicants plan to retake the ACT or SAT, applicants should not enter the current score. Instead, applicants should enter "00" for all fields as the score for that test on the application and input the retake date.
When should applicants take the ACT or SAT?
In order to submit test scores by the test score deadline date of May 12, 2017, SCEEP applicants must take either or both tests on or before the dates listed below.

- The national SAT given on March 11, 2017
- The national ACT given on April 8, 2017
- The State of Michigan SAT test given in schools on April 11, 2017 (only for Michigan-based SCEEP applicants).

How do I submit test scores for SCEEP?
There are several ways that applicant test scores can be reported to us.

1. “Self-report” test scores in Part 1 of your SEA Application.
2. If applicants have test scores available before the March 4, 2017 application deadline, applicants should also upload a file or screenshot of their test score in the space provided on the application.
3. After the March 4, 2017 deadline, email a screenshot or fax a copy of your test scores, with your full name visible on the file being sent, to cedo-admin@umich.edu or 734-647-7126. Please put “ACT or SAT scores for (your name)” in the subject heading of your email.
4. Please note that your counselor will enter your test score information in the form they complete for your recommendation.

When will applicants know if they have been accepted or not?
MITE and SEP applicants will be notified by April 14, 2017.
SCEEP applicants will be notified by May 26, 2017.

Why are decisions for SCEEP being made later than MITE and SEP?
We need time to receive and review the ACT and/or SAT test scores for applicants who take the test on the last eligible date of April 11, 2017.

Is the program fee listed on the SEA website the total cost for participation?
Yes, the program fee listed is all that is required for the program. SEA is fortunate enough to receive corporate and university support to offset the cost to participants.

However, it is suggested that participants bring some spending money ($40-$60) for various opportunities that may arise to buy food and/or to shop in and around campus.

The program fee and/or recommended spending money is more than the applicant can afford. Should the applicant not apply if the cost is too expensive?
The cost should not deter a participant from applying. If the cost presents a hardship for the participant’s family, we will work with the family to explore options.

Are there any scholarships for which the applicant can apply to assist with the costs?
Yes. The Watson A. Young Scholarship is one source of financial assistance designed for participants interested in University of Michigan summer opportunities. Click here for more details: [Watson A. Young Scholarship](#).

**What does it mean when it says that SEA targets “domestic participants?”**
The Summer Engineering Academy is intended for participants living in the United States and its territories.

**How do participants get to Ann Arbor?**
Participants accepted to one of the SEA programs will complete a number of forms including one requesting travel plans. Participants arrive by car, bus, train, and airplane. Whatever the case, we send SEA team members to pick up program participants at their final destination.

**Where do participants send any non-electronic SEA materials (as needed)?**
Send your SEA materials to:
Summer Engineering Academy
Center for Engineering Diversity and Outreach
1221 Beal Avenue, LEC 1112
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, MI 48109

**Can program participants leave campus while in Ann Arbor?**
No, all participants are required to remain on campus and in the care of our facilitators at ALL times. Some occasions may arise where program participants will have an opportunity to visit Ann Arbor and other parts of UM with SEA staff.

**Where will SCEEP and MITE participants stay while participating in the program?**
Participants will be housed at Bursley Hall on North Campus.

**Will participants have a roommate?**
Yes, participants are housed in pairs and are randomly assigned a roommate. Participants will not choose a roommate. On occasion a program may have an odd number of participants, in which case one individual in the cohort will room alone.

**What will participants eat?**
The majority of the meals will be in the Bursley Hall cafeteria, which provides many choices presented in buffet fashion. Some meals may be on other parts of the campus and are covered by the program. Occasions may arise for participants to get a meal in Ann Arbor under supervision of SEA staff. Participants are expected to have some spending money to cover the cost of this meal. A variety of food options will be available. The UM is aware of various cultural
and dietary observations due to our diverse participant population and the menu offerings each day reflect this reality.

**Are there facilities made available to participants for exercise?**
Participants are never allowed to go anywhere on campus alone. Visits to the athletic and recreational centers on campus are not part of the SEA program.

**Will there be any time to do any physical activities?**
We realize that participants need to have opportunities to play and relax. Numerous recreational and sports activities are planned throughout the program.

**Is there a dress code for SEA?**
Yes. SEA aims to create a professional environment by setting high standards for SEA participants. The following expectations for classes, recreational activities, and other program events reflect that environment. Appropriate attire is expected at all times.

- **Classes**
  - *Business Casual Attire* – e.g. slacks, blue jeans, shorts with belt loops, collared shirts, loafers, tennis shoes
- **Recreational activities**
  - *Casual Attire* – e.g. blue jeans, t-shirts, shorts, tennis shoes
- **Closing Program, conferences, corporate corners, and field trips**
  - *Professional Attire* – shirts with ties or blouses, dress slacks or skirts/dresses

All participants should wear comfortable shoes as there is a lot of walking during the course of the program. More information on the dress code will be shared in the Family Conference Call which will be held a week before each program.

The following items do not reinforce the professional environment of SEA. It is strongly encouraged that participants do not bring or wear:

- Tank tops
- Tight/revealing clothes
- Spandex
- Halter tops
- Muscle shirts
- Short skirts or shorts
- Wave Caps/Doo Rags
- Sagging pants or shorts
- Bandanas
- Cut-off clothing
- Hats or sunglasses indoors
- Clothing with inappropriate logos or offensive/suggestive language
• Clothing with holes or rips