

Jackson Heart Study *Education and Training Program*



at
TOUGALOO COLLEGE

**2011 SUMMER
SLAM**

Workshops
for
9th, 10th, and 11th Graders

SLAM I (July 6 - August 2, 2011) 9th Graders
SLAM II (June 6 - July 1, 2011) 10th Graders
SLAM III (June 6 – July 1, 2011) 11th Graders

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 25, 2011

***For Questions Call 601-977-7816 or 601-977-7820
Fax#: 601-977-4488***

Science, Language Arts and Mathematics (SLAM) Workshops

SLAM Workshop I: 9th and 10th graders – July 6 – August 2, 2011

SLAM Workshop II: 10th and 11th graders – June 6 – July 6, 2011

SLAM Workshop III: 10th and 11th graders- June 6 – July 6, 2011

(10th and 11th graders will be placed in either Workshop II or III based on their academic background.)

Goals of the SLAM Workshops

- Enhance Language Arts, Mathematics and Science skills
 - Improve reading and test taking skills
 - Provide details about the Jackson Heart Study
 - Educate students about health issues that affect African Americans
- Provide information about career opportunities in the health sciences

Structure of the workshops:

- There is no fee for attending the workshops.
- Upon **successful completion** of the workshop each participant will receive a stipend.
 - All workshop sessions include classes in Reading enhancement and Test taking skills in addition to Science, Language Arts, and Mathematics.
- Classes are taught by experienced teachers.
 - Classes are held Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM.
 - Lunch and afternoon snacks will be provided.
 - **HOUSING WILL NOT BE PROVIDED.**

Selection criteria:

- Overall Grade Point Average
 - Courses taken or soon to be taken
 - Standardized test scores
 - Recommendation letters
 - Quality of essay submitted with application

What is the Jackson Heart Study (JHS)?

The African-American population in Mississippi has the highest mortality rate from cardiovascular disease in the United States. The *National Institutes of Health* has established this study in Jackson to investigate the factors causing this major health problem. This project, which is the only one of its type in the United States, involves the three institutions is Jackson-Tougaloo College, Jackson State University, and the University of Mississippi Medical Center

and is funded by the *National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute* and the *National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities*.

Role of the Education and Training Program

The role of the Education and Training Program (ETP) at Tougaloo College is to increase the pool of minority students entering health-related professions. A key component of this project is the Science, Language Arts, and Mathematics (SLAM) program for high school students. The SLAM program's goal is to provide a large pool of well-trained high school students who, upon entering college, can successfully complete the curriculum requirements at an undergraduate college and have the necessary background and interest to pursue health careers. Tougaloo College's summer workshops are designed to provide excellent preparation for success in higher studies and to pursue advanced degrees in health professions.

Application procedure for new students:

- Complete the application on page four. **(THE APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED)**
 - A one page essay that answers the following questions: (i) what are your career goals; (ii) how will participating in this program help you achieve those goals; (iii) what extracurricular activities are you involved in; (iv) how do you keep up with current events; and (v) do you read and if so what do you read and how often. ***This essay should be typed on a separate sheet of paper.***
 - Students must have completed ninth grade.
 - Tenth and Eleventh graders must submit an official High School Transcript.
 - Ninth graders must submit the most recent report card.
 - Have the attached recommendation forms sent to the JHS-ETP by two teachers. One recommendation form must be from a math or science teacher.
 - ***Students invited to return to the SLAM workshop II or III need not fill out this application, but must submit a different form that will be sent along with the invite back letter.***

Application Deadline - March 25, 2011 (Report card due April 4, 2011)

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

SLAM Workshops
JHSETP
Tougaloo College
500 West County Line Road
Tougaloo, MS 39174

Parent/Guardian Contact Number: _____

It is your responsibility to ensure that all documents needed to complete your application have been sent in by the deadline date of March 25, 2011.

**Dr. Asoka Srinivasan, Director
JHSETP Tougaloo College
500 West County Line Road
Tougaloo, MS 39174
Telephone # 601 977-7816 or 601 977-7820
Fax# 601 977-4488**

**For additional applications, please feel free to contact the JHS-ETP office or the Tougaloo College website:
www.tougaloo.edu**

RECOMMENDATION FORM

To the Student: Please type your name and school name on the line below and give this form to the teachers who have agreed to write a recommendation for you. Remember that one recommendation must come from either a science or math teacher.

Student Name: _____ School: _____

To the Teacher: The above named student is applying for the 2011 Science, Language Arts, and Math (SLAM) Summer Program. Please answer each question based on the applicant's character and academic ability. Your recommendation will be one of the criteria used in the selection process. Please fax (601.977.4488) or mail (Director, JHSETP, Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, MS 39174) your recommendation before the **March 25, 2010** dead-line. If you have any questions, please call the Jackson Heart Study-ETP office at 601. 977.7816 or 601. 977.7820.

I have known the above student for _____ years, _____ months

I have taught this student the following course/courses:

For each category, please indicate this applicant's ranking in relation to other students you have taught:

	Top 10%	Top 25%	Top 50%	No Basis for Ranking
Academic Abilities				
Maturity and emotional stability				
Ability to get along with others				
Sense of				

responsibility				
Motivation and Initiative				
Self-confidence				
Conduct and Behavior.				
Communication Skills:				
Overall evaluation				

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- Does the student come to class regularly and on time?

- Does the student turn in assignments on time?

- Is the student attentive in class?

- Does the student participate in class discussions?

- Will the student benefit from this program and in what ways.

Would you recommend this applicant for this program?

Highly without reservation with reservation

Comments:

Name
Date

Signature

Position

School/Department

School Address

City, State, Zip

Home or School Telephone Fax

E-Mail

We appreciate your candid evaluation.

Please mail or fax the completed recommendation form before the March 25, 2011 deadline directly to:

**Director,
JHSETP, SLAM Workshop
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