Summer 2020 Research Application Guide
Summer 2020 Research Application Deadlines

• 4-week Session (Thursday, July 9- Saturday, August 8)
  • International and Domestic Student Deadline: Sunday, March 29

• 8-week Session (Thursday, May 22- Saturday, July 18)
  • International Student Priority Deadline: Sunday, February 23
  • Domestic Student Deadline: Sunday, March 29

• Later applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis, space permitting.
Browse Research Opportunities on the Elevate Website

• Browse Here: https://myiit.force.com/ELEVATEatIIT/s/research-opportunities

• You may apply to up to 3 research opportunities.
Browse Research Opportunities on the Elevate Website

As a small, private research university, Illinois Tech emphasizes the importance of research at the undergraduate level. Research opportunities allow you to work alongside faculty and graduate students on fascinating projects. You can begin these projects as early as your first year—an experience you will not find at most universities.

For some students conducting research early in their academic career is an important step in determining whether to pursue graduate school, or a career in either academia or industry. Research experience can also help students decide whether their specific academic course is right for them.

Illinois Tech offers research experiences on campus, in Chicago, and beyond.
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Undergraduate Research Opportunities

4-Week Research Opportunities

Monday, July 13-
Friday, August 7, 2020

8-Week Research Opportunities

Tuesday, May 26-
Friday, July 17, 2020

Select the correct dates.

Note: The course dates are different than the program dates for Visiting International Students. Visiting International students must adhere to the travel dates below (flights to and from Chicago O’Hare International Airport- ORD)

4-Week Session
Arrive: Thursday, July 9
Depart: Saturday, August 8

8-Week Session
Arrive: Thursday, May 22
Depart: Saturday, July 18
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4-Week Research/Course Opportunities

In Summer 2020, Illinois Tech is offering a variety of research and course opportunities for current students and visiting students. Browse the list below to learn about and apply for research opportunities within Armour College of Engineering, College of Science, and Stuart School of Business.

Note: For visiting, international students who are applying for the program through a partner institution and residing on campus, please reference the dates below for travel to and from Chicago O’Hare International Airport (ORD):

Arrival Date: Thursday, July 9
Departure Date: Saturday, August 8

Armour College of Engineering

Biomedical Engineering

Development of Medical Devices

Civil, Architectural, and Environmental Engineering

Click on a Research Opportunity to learn more!
Browse Research Opportunities on the Elevate Website
Apply to a Research Opportunity

Once you have decided on a research opportunity to apply to, click “Apply Now” in the top right.
Create an Account
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We recommend applicants do not sign up with an email address from 163.com, 126.com and yeah.net.

Sign Up

Baizhi

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1234@qq.com

Beijing Institute of Technology
Apply to a Research Opportunity
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Personal Information

First Name: Baizhi

Middle Name: Zahng

Date of Birth: Feb 9, 2005

Gender: Male
Biographical Information

If you experience any difficulty selecting an item on the application, please use the TAB key to navigate between items.

Primary Country of Citizenship
- China

Current Visa Status
- I do not hold a U.S. non-immigrant Visa

Desires Visa Status
- Y - Exchange Visitor

Alien Registration Number

If you experience any difficulty selecting an item on the application, please use the TAB key to navigate between items.

Birth Info
Country
- China (CN)

City
- Shanghai

← You may leave blank if not applicable.
Address:
Xiaoyan Zhang
63 Renmin Lu, Qingdao Shi
266033 Shandong
China
Address:
Baizhi Zhang
No. 1 Jianguomenwai Avenue
Beijing 100004

“Living here from February 1, 2019 to October 19, 2020”

*This is the address where we will send important documents, so ensure that you will be at the address prior to your course at Illinois Tech!
Phone

- 011 86 18640556127
Select Research Opportunity

• Start typing in the Research Opportunity name of your choice and select the correct one.
• Remember to look VERY carefully at the course number to ensure you are selecting the correct one (because some have the same name)!
• The first Research Opportunity for which you fill out an application is your first choice.
• To apply to two more, you will fill out the application two more times.
1. Type in your University
2. Select if you have graduated from the University yet
3. Type in your major
4. Write your GPA for your university (The GPA can be out of 100 or out of 4.0- whichever your university uses)
5. Upload one PDF document that includes both your transcript in your official original language and your transcript with an official English translation.
Please report your score from one of the following English Proficiency tests: TOEFL, IELTS, CET 4, or CET 6. All programs have the below threshold scores for students to be admitted.

- TOEFL 70+
- IELTS 6.0+
- CET 4 550+ (ability to upload coming soon)
- CET 6 500+ (ability to upload coming soon)

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Why Illinois Tech?

• Professors want to know about your interest and previous experience (if any) in their field of research.

• Things to include:
  • Relevant coursework
  • Previous research experience

• All responses must be in English.
1. Download and print the appropriate Financial Affidavit of Support (FAS): Link to FAS
2. Fill out the FAS. Remember that a “sponsor” is anyone who is able to support you financially while at Illinois Tech. A parent is an example (see next page for example form). Make sure to sign the form in ink (not electronic signature).
3. Reach out to your or your sponsor’s financial institution (bank) and ask for an original letter on letterhead or statement with original signature and stamp verifying sufficient available funds on deposit to cover the full cost of your program.
4. If necessary, provide proof of other scholarships (not including Illinois Tech Scholarship) on original letterhead.
5. Scan all documents into one PDF and upload in the application.
ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENT
for Illinois Institute of Technology Summer “Elevate” Program

United States visa regulations require international students to provide evidence of funds to meet expenses incurred during their study. In your application, please upload this form and Document I and Document II (if applicable) listed below.

I. (Print Name) Baizhi Zhang
(Exactly as printed on your passport with Family Name underlined)

Estimated and additional expenses – Four-week summer program

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This amount does not include airfare, local travel and personal expenses, books and supplies, and emergency costs. Note that this figure is an estimated cost for a four-week summer program.

Please check the boxes to indicate that you understand the following statements:

1. I understand that my family or sponsor and I will be responsible for the costs of my program not covered by any scholarships.

2. I understand that this form must contain all original signatures and be accompanied by original financial documents with original official signatures and stamps.

Financial Documentation

Document I: Upload Proof of Personal Funding (required): Original letter on letterhead or statement from your or your sponsor’s financial institution, with a bank official’s original signature and stamp verifying sufficient available funds on deposit to cover the full cost of your program.

Document 2: Proof of Other Scholarship (if applicable): For additional scholarships (not including Illinois Tech scholarship), provide original letter on awarding organization’s letterhead (signed by an organization official and stamped) confirming the amount of scholarship for you.

Retain all original documents for review during your visa appointment at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

Applicant’s Signature
Date 2020/02/18

Sponsor’s Signature
Date 2020/02/18

Sponsor’s Name
Xiao Zhang

Sponsor’s Relationship to Student
Father

Sponsor’s Telephone
011 86 1864056128

Sponsor’s Email
5679@qq.com

Put FAS, Proof of Personal Funding, and Proof of Other Scholarship into ONE PDF document and upload in application.
Resume or Curriculum Vitae (in English)

Full Name
catch@bkrn.com

Current Address
123 Grove Street
Potsdam, NY 13699

Mobile: (123) 355-3555

Permanent Address
123 Maple Street
Buffalo, NY 12345

OBJECTIVE
An employment opportunity in a Computer Science related field.

EDUCATION
Clarkson University – Potsdam, NY
B.S. Computer Science, Mathematics, Minor Business Administration
GPA: 3.5 – Dean’s List 6 Semesters

Newcastle University – Newcastle, NSW, Australia
GPA: 3.5 – High Distinction
Study Abroad Exchange Program
Completed: July 2009

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE
Eastman Kodak Company – Rochester, NY
Software Development
May 2008 – August 2008

• Led teams from many positions in the company in finding and implementing a new bug-tracking solution.
• Investigated current system (Lotus Notes), created requirements for a new tool, conducted meetings and demonstrations of possible solutions, created proposal for recommended course of action, configured and administered the new system (JIRA) after decision was made.
• Created applications for migrating data between systems/databases using C#, XML, and Excel Macros.

Software Quality Assurance
May 2007 – August 2007

• Tested new software releases for the Kodak Picture Kiosk.
• Designed and executed test procedures, reported incidents, and worked with databases and Rational software.
• Organized and led meetings of project, developers and QA team members for each original test procedure. Learned to work independently and as a team setting.

Clarkson Association for Computing Machinery – Potsdam, NY
September 2007 – Present

• Created and administered the Clarkson ACM Website using Dreamweaver and Photoshop.
• Attended seminars by guest speakers in the computing industry.

SKILLS
• Programming Experience – C++, Java, C#, XML, and Web Development.
• Writing Skills – Ability to efficiently produce concise, organized reports, letters and memos.
• Public Speaking – Finalist in Senior High School Public Speaking Competition. Gained confidence and learned to engage audiences with my creative speeches.

EMPLOYMENT
Clarkson Writing Center – Potsdam, NY: Tutor
August 2007 – Present

• Conduct writing conferences with students. Identify weaknesses in organization, development and style. Guide writers in solving the problems.
• Learned valuable interpersonal communication skills by collaborating with students from many fields. Trained in writing and editing.

TEAMWORK
August 2007 – Present

• Ski Club
• Intramural – Captain of Basketball and Softball teams
Review your Application

To the best of my knowledge, all statements submitted are correct, complete, and my own work.

- I Agree
  - Yes
  - No

Electronic Signature
- Baizhi Zahng

Please note: Your application may only indicate that it is 99% complete. Should you have the ability to click the "Save & Pay" button, you may proceed. You will be redirected to the payment portal and then back to the application to finalize submission. If your application continues to indicate 99%, please continue with submission, as it will change to 100% on final submission.
Apply Again

• You may apply to up to 3 research opportunities total.
• To apply to more, repeat the steps listed. Many of the questions will save your information in the application, so you will not need to enter in as much information.
Troubleshooting

• If you need assistance with applying, email grad.admissions@iit.edu with subject line “Elevate Summer Research Applicant.“

• If you have questions about the program, classes, or housing, email elevate@iit.edu.

• Learn more about the program here: Summer Research Opportunities