



NYU Courant Institute Girls' STEM Summer Program Program Contract

Please read the following terms carefully. Your signature at the end of this Contract indicates your understanding of and willingness to abide by the rules and policies governing the NYU Courant Institute Girls' STEM Summer Program (NYU GSTEM) set forth in this Contract and online in the NYU GSTEM Handbook. Failure to comply with the rules and policies of NYU GSTEM may lead to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from NYU GSTEM without refund of tuition or fees.

NYU GSTEM is an academically rigorous program in which each student's active and supportive participation is highly valued. The program is intensive, involving a variety of classroom activities, internship experiences, and optional program activities that will be intellectually demanding and time-consuming. Students in the program will have the opportunity to contribute to and benefit from participation in a unique community of peers and must be respectful of others and thoughtful about the impact of their actions upon their community. It is very important to understand that the dedication and focus upon one's academic work is what makes NYU GSTEM successful.

NYU GSTEM Rules and Policies

The following is a summary of some of the significant rules and policies of NYU GSTEM. In addition to the rules and policies set forth below, students and parents should also review the *NYU GSTEM Handbook*, which contains more detailed information and links to administrative policies and procedures, academic standards, and student conduct standards.

Program Regulations:

- Students must attend the mandatory orientation scheduled for the first day of the program.
- Students are expected to be on time. This applies not only to class time, but also to field trips, internship placements, group excursions, projects, homework, use of equipment and space, etc.

NYU GSTEM Statement on Ethics and Community Responsibility:

NYU is committed to offering each student a meaningful experience. NYU GSTEM expects all students to understand the difference between acceptable and unacceptable behavior and to be responsible for their actions. Students may not engage in disrespectful, exclusionary, discriminatory, or abusive behavior that disrupts and/or compromises the learning experience of others. Prohibited behavior includes, but is not limited to: (a) community/social misconduct such as abusive use of social networking sites, verbal abuse, threats to injure or harm another or oneself, discrimination, or harassment; (b) academic misconduct such as lateness, disrupting another's work, cheating, or plagiarizing; and (c) program misconduct such as breaking curfew or any other rules or policies applicable to NYU GSTEM.

NYU GSTEM staff reserves the right to judge the severity of any misconduct and to determine appropriate disciplinary actions/consequences.

Policy on Substance Abuse:

- The possession or use of cigarettes, e-cigarettes, and other tobacco products by NYU GSTEM students is strictly prohibited, regardless of the age of the student.
- The possession or use of alcohol by NYU GSTEM students is strictly prohibited.
- The possession or illegal use of a controlled substance or the possession of related paraphernalia by NYU GSTEM students is strictly prohibited.
- Smoking, consuming alcohol, illegal drug use, and the use of other abusive substances (e.g. unprescribed medications) are strictly prohibited at any time during NYU GSTEM and at any location on or off campus. Violations of this policy are grounds for dismissal from NYU GSTEM without refund.

Health and Wellness Support:

NYU GSTEM is an intensive educational experience in which students will face academic and personal challenges that allow them numerous opportunities for self-discovery and growth. The experience may present potential stressors as well. Therefore, students and families are responsible for arranging for the support of medical or mental health professionals, as needed, prior to the start of the program.

Discriminatory Harassment:

New York University and NYU GSTEM are committed to maintaining a learning and working environment that is free of bias, prejudice, and harassment – an environment that supports, nurtures, and rewards educational advancement on the basis of ability and performance. Harassment based upon race, gender, gender identity or expression, color, religion, age, national origin, ethnicity, disability, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, marital status, citizenship status, or any other legally protected basis is prohibited and undermines the character and purpose of NYU GSTEM. Any form of such harassment will not be tolerated.

NYU Policy on Sexual Harassment:

New York University and NYU GSTEM are committed to maintaining a safe learning environment that is free of acts of violence, harassment, and other forms of sexual misconduct that undermine the character and purpose of the University and to creating a campus and program climate that supports, nurtures, and rewards educational advancement on the basis of ability and performance. All students are subject to this policy and also are encouraged to report any incidents of sexual assault or harassment of which they become aware that compromise the well-being of an individual or the NYU GSTEM community.

Disciplinary Processes:

NYU GSTEM has a zero tolerance policy with respect to the possession or use of cigarettes, alcohol, and illegal drugs and substances (including paraphernalia). Any student determined to have violated these policies will be immediately dismissed from NYU GSTEM without refund. It is important to note that students found present while a violation is occurring may be subject to disciplinary action along with the principle violator(s). All other policy violations will be addressed in accordance with NYU GSTEM adjudication processes set forth in the *NYU GSTEM Handbook*, and may result in a variety of sanctions depending upon the circumstances of the violation ranging from a warning to dismissal from NYU GSTEM without refund.

Confidentiality and Parent/Guardian Notification:

The federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) establishes standards concerning the privacy of student education records and the rights of students to inspect and review their education records. As enrolled students in a post-secondary institution, NYU GSTEM students are entitled to the protection afforded them under FERPA, and the right of access to educational records belongs to the student no matter the legal age or status as a minor. Students may elect to sign a *Consent to Disclosure of Student Information* form, available online in the *NYU GSTEM Handbook*, to permit the release of information to their parents or guardians about the student while in NYU GSTEM. Please be advised, however, that FERPA allows NYU GSTEM to notify the parents or guardians of a student when there is a significant threat to a student's health and safety or if a student has violated a University or NYU GSTEM rule or policy or public law concerning alcohol or another controlled substance. The decision to notify parents or guardians in such situations will be made according to the professional judgment of appropriate staff and does not require prior consent of the student. Students may or may not be consulted in the notification process.

NYU GSTEM Contract

My signature below indicates that I have read, understood, and agree to the terms of the NYU GSTEM Contract (the “Contract”) and rules and policies governing NYU GSTEM set forth in the Contract and online in the *NYU GSTEM Handbook*. I understand that violation of these rules and policies may lead to disciplinary action to be determined by senior program staff, including, without limitation, dismissal from NYU GSTEM without refund of tuition or fees.

Date: _____

Student Printed Name

Student Signature

(to electronically sign in Adobe, select Sign in above toolbar)

Parent or Guardian Printed Name

Parent or Guardian Signature

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