



American Cancer Society Healthcare Experience and Research in Oncology

July 20 - July 31, 2026

The American Cancer Society Healthcare Experience and Research in Oncology program (HERO) is a virtual, multi-institutional, synchronous program for high school students. Current freshmen, sophomores, and juniors interested in STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medicine) are encouraged to apply. Program activities are designed to foster an interest in health-related careers, recognizing the unique challenges of rural and urban communities. Programming is delivered in part through a partnership with [eCLOSE Institute](#). HERO is funded by the [American Cancer Society](#).

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Medical College of Wisconsin Cancer Center is pleased to enroll up to 20 applicants each year. Over the course of two weeks, students collaborate with peers from the Midwest on a genetics-based research project and a patient case study project to explore facets of cancer science and clinical care. Students also participate in faculty lectures, panel discussions, and skill-building workshops to acquire knowledge and network for their next steps on biomedical career pathways.

ELIGIBILITY

- Full-time high school student status at the time of application (rising sophomore, junior, or senior in Summer 2026). Must be at least 16 years old by program start
- Strong interest in a career in scientific research, biomedicine, or another cancer-related field
- Ability to commit to the full two-week program (July 20–July 31, M–F, 9am–1pm each day)
- Resident of Wisconsin

BENEFITS

- Mentorship from researchers in the cancer science field
- Network of faculty and peers across program sites
- Targeted career development workshops with professionals in cancer research and care
- Lab kits for the experiments related to the program
- \$500 taxable stipend



Questions
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Apply by April 24, 2026
<https://redcap.link/ACS-HERO>