

The **BEST Experience** is a week-long residential program that gives high-school students a taste of what being an engineering student at UAH is all about. Students will attend engineering classes, perform hands-on experiments in engineering labs, work on project teams, live in the residence halls and eat at campus dining facilities.

The **BEST Experience** is designed to introduce students to engineering education in a fun and engaging way—much like a college freshman would experience.

The **BEST Experience** is a great way to “try” being an engineering student to see just how **challenging** and **rewarding** it can be!

“Other than having a fun time with the challenges and activities, this week was also a great opportunity to learn and explore UAH, more so than before I would love to come here when I graduate ”

- BEST Camper

Important Dates:

June 19-24, 2022: Program Week

After April 27th, applications and scholarship requests will be accepted given program space and available funds.

All program forms must be received with your fee to reserve your spot in the program. Refunds will be given at the sole discretion of the program director.

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UAH & the
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presents the

BEST Experience

for rising 11th-12th graders
who want to

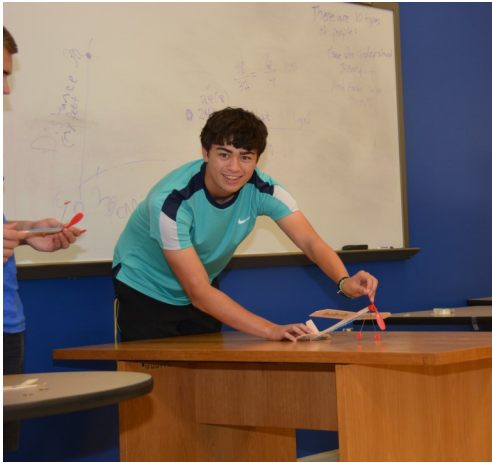
Be an Engineering Student

(for a week!)

June 19-24, 2022

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THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA IN HUNTSVILLE



Eligibility and Fees

All participants must meet the following requirements:

- Rising 11th and 12th grade student
- Should have a minimum 3.0/4.0 grade point average or B average
- Completed a statement of interest in engineering
- Have a letter of recommendation from a teacher/guidance counselor (or other adult if homeschooled)
- Completed all applications/forms/waivers

The program fee is \$650 and includes all meals, housing, books and laboratory materials, and activity fees. Participants are responsible for transportation to and from the UAH campus.

*Limited scholarships for up to 60% of the fee are available to families with a demonstrated financial need.

Application, scholarship and other forms are available at www.uah.edu/eng/outreach

Expectation/Supervision

Students will be working with UAH engineering faculty and staff and current UAH engineering students for most activities. Professional engineers from the Huntsville area will give presentations and demonstrations throughout the week. Students will be monitored by UAH student counselors (male and female) in the evening. The Director will be available throughout the evening.

BEST participants are expected to follow all camp and UAH campus rules and directions from UAH faculty and staff. BEST participants can expect to be treated like young adults and given some of the same freedom afforded to college students. The BEST Experience staff is here to ensure the safety of BEST participants and that everyone has a good time.

BEST participants will sign a behavior contract (see forms). Participants who willfully violate rules or engage in unsafe behavior may be sent home at their expense.

BEST Experience Highlights

- Spend a week on the UAH campus, living in the residence halls, eating at the UAH Café, and working in the labs.
- Attend engineering fundamentals classes that focus on the principles of design, build and test.
- Learn about a variety of engineering disciplines from aerospace to optical.
- Work in engineering laboratories on a variety of hands-on experiments.
- Meet engineering faculty, alumni, students, and engineers in the community.
- Tour local engineering companies and their facilities
- Get career and job placement advice from UAH Career Services.

"It was better than space camp!!! I cannot wait to attend UAH as a student!"

- BEST Camper

Sample Day

- 8:30am: Breakfast
- 9:15am: First class
- 10:25am: Second class
- 11:30am: Lunch & short meetings
- 1:00pm: Labs
- 4:30pm: Free time
- 6:00pm: Dinner
- 7:00pm: Student life, leadership activities, field trips, etc
- 9:00pm: Back to Residence Hall for homework, projects, etc

