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Once again this summer, visiting students participating in a research program or arriving at Vanderbilt prior to entering a VU graduate program will be classified as consortium students. As Vanderbilt students, these consortium students will not be subjected to background checks, unless they are working with minors.

Who is eligible for consortium status?
- *Enrolled non-VU undergrads and post-bacc accepted grad school individuals with verification from the home school of enrollment and good academic standing.*
- *Students accepted into a structured 8-10 week summer VU Undergraduate Research Program, with an application (in addition to the quick admit/Slate form) and acceptance process.*
- *Students being paid a stipend from VU related to a research project.*

All others that do not meet the criteria will not be considered Consortium Students. Some examples include:
- *High school students (or pre-bacc)*
- *Students not in a structured program*
- *Individuals not currently enrolled in a higher education institution and who are not defined above.*
- *An Individual who is currently an undergraduate/graduate student at a college/university (not Vanderbilt), who does not meet the criteria above, but who will be working with an individual faculty member in a lab or on a research project.*
- *Unpaid Internships*
- *Experiences which are short (e.g. less than a summer program) in duration and are not full summer programs*

Students that do not meet this eligibility will be classified under the current intern/observer policy. If you have questions, please contact Janice Rouse (Janice.rouse@vanderbilt.edu) in the College of Arts and Science Dean's Office.

The University Registrar's Office requests the following information on your Summer Research students:

If students used Slate for their application, please email Carol Dunne at the University Registrar's office a roster of the admitted students, specifying the program into which the student(s) were admitted. As a special note, please do not work with the students or VUIT to set up VUNet IDs. Our process to get them set up includes VUNet ID creation, and it is much easier to process students without fear of duplicating VUNet IDs.