



## Internship Challenge Application Instructions

1. Go to: [Intern Registration](#)
2. If you are a returning user, log in using your email address and password. Skip to step 7.
3. If you are a new user, click on the “Intern Applicant Registration”.



Welcome to the MLSC Application System

### New User Account Registration

- Grant Programs
- Tax Incentive Programs
- Internship Programs
  - Intern Applicant Registration**
  - Internship Host Organization Registration

Buttons: Applicant Registration, Investor Registration

### Login

We have detected that you are using a pop-up blocker. To use some features, you will need to allow pop-ups or disable your pop-up blocking software.

Email:

Password:

Log In

[Forgot Password?](#)

Email [smartsimple@masslifesciences.com](mailto:smartsimple@masslifesciences.com) for technical assistance.

4. Add your school's name, your first and last name, and email address. Please use a permanent personal email. (If your school's name is not listed, you will need to add it on the registration form page). Click on "**Submit**".

**i** **Instructions**  
Complete the fields below. All fields marked with an asterisk (\*) are required fields.  
If you are a returning user, [click here](#) to login.

**College/University or High School**

\* **Name**

**i** If your organization does not pop up as an option, click [here](#) to add your institution and create your profile.

**Contact Information**

\* **First Name**

\* **Last Name**

\* **Email Address**

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Privacy - Terms

**Submit**

## Registration Complete

Thank you for registering.

Your username and password will be emailed to you. [Click here](#) to login.

5. You will then receive an email with a link to create a password.

### Welcome to Massachusetts Life Sciences Center Program Portal

**From:** MLSC-donotreply@smartsimple.com

**Subject: Welcome to Massachusetts Life Sciences Center Program Portal**

Dear Debbie,

Thank you for registering with the MLSC application portal. Your user name is

Please visit [https://mlsc.smartsimple.com/ex/ex\\_activate.jsp?lang=1&token=%24XVDZwquHDn59IjJWMesy63woxc1Fpl1QXNRwXFuBBNvGiTnLzvGZpNF1EGDx46axfCHeOI72hzMICCM9ijLmig%3D%3D](https://mlsc.smartsimple.com/ex/ex_activate.jsp?lang=1&token=%24XVDZwquHDn59IjJWMesy63woxc1Fpl1QXNRwXFuBBNvGiTnLzvGZpNF1EGDx46axfCHeOI72hzMICCM9ijLmig%3D%3D) to set up your password.

To return to the log-in page, please click here: <https://mlsc.smartsimple.com>.

6. After setting up your password, return to the log in page. Enter your email address and password and click on “Log In”.



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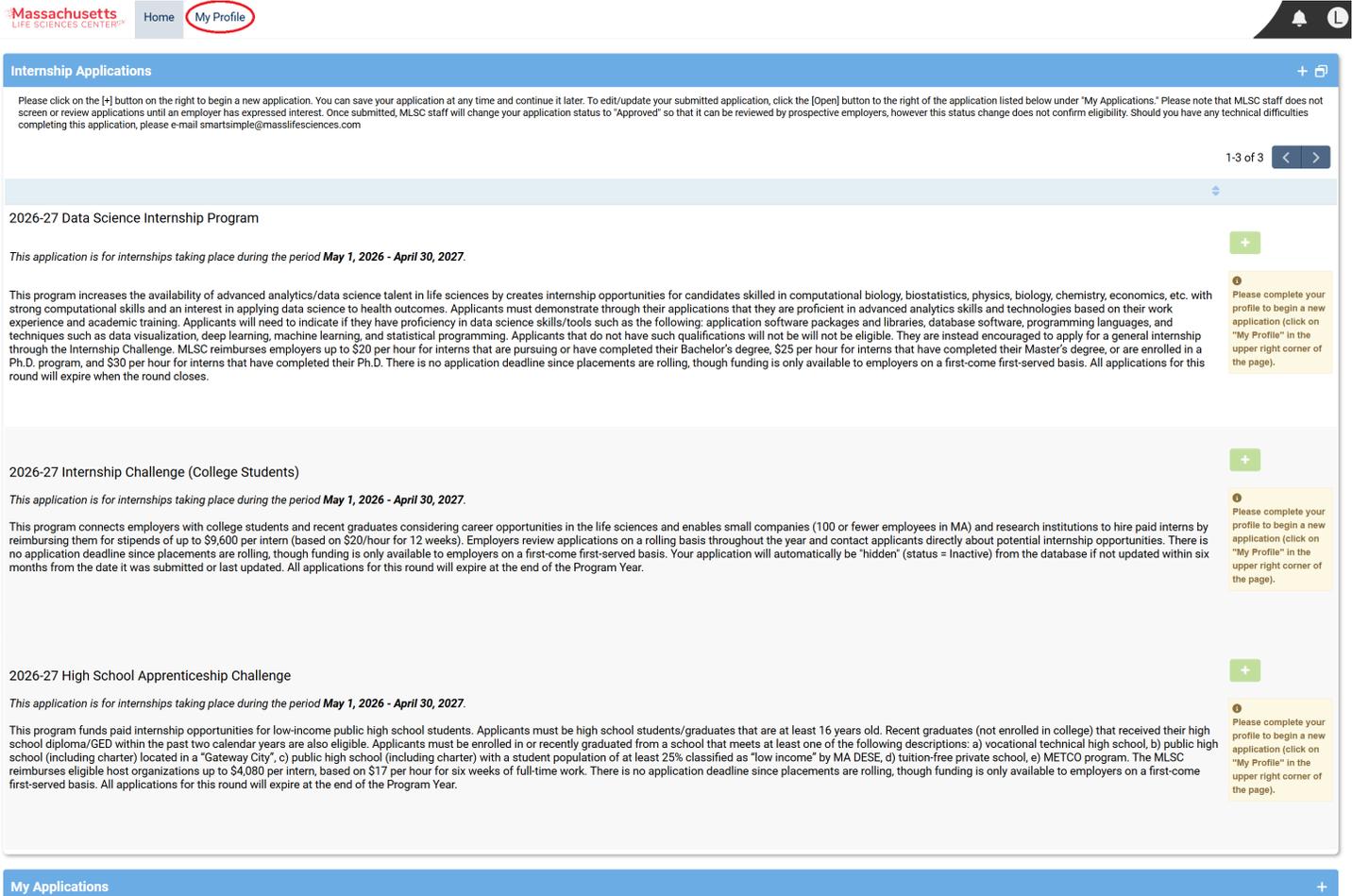
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## 7. You will see the following screen. Click on “My Profile”



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Internship Applications

Please click on the [H] button on the right to begin a new application. You can save your application at any time and continue it later. To edit/update your submitted application, click the [Open] button to the right of the application listed below under "My Applications." Please note that MLSC staff does not screen or review applications until an employer has expressed interest. Once submitted, MLSC staff will change your application status to "Approved" so that it can be reviewed by prospective employers, however this status change does not confirm eligibility. Should you have any technical difficulties completing this application, please e-mail [smartsimple@masslifesciences.com](mailto:smartsimple@masslifesciences.com)

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### 2026-27 Data Science Internship Program

*This application is for internships taking place during the period **May 1, 2026 - April 30, 2027.***

This program increases the availability of advanced analytics/data science talent in life sciences by creates internship opportunities for candidates skilled in computational biology, biostatistics, physics, biology, chemistry, economics, etc. with strong computational skills and an interest in applying data science to health outcomes. Applicants must demonstrate through their applications that they are proficient in advanced analytics skills and technologies based on their work experience and academic training. Applicants will need to indicate if they have proficiency in data science skills/tools such as the following: application software packages and libraries, database software, programming languages, and techniques such as data visualization, deep learning, machine learning, and statistical programming. Applicants that do not have such qualifications will not be eligible. They are instead encouraged to apply for a general internship through the Internship Challenge. MLSC reimburses employers up to \$20 per hour for interns that are pursuing or have completed their Bachelor's degree, \$25 per hour for interns that have completed their Master's degree, or are enrolled in a Ph.D. program, and \$30 per hour for interns that have completed their Ph.D. There is no application deadline since placements are rolling, though funding is only available to employers on a first-come first-served basis. All applications for this round will expire when the round closes.

Please complete your profile to begin a new application (click on "My Profile" in the upper right corner of the page).

### 2026-27 Internship Challenge (College Students)

*This application is for internships taking place during the period **May 1, 2026 - April 30, 2027.***

This program connects employers with college students and recent graduates considering career opportunities in the life sciences and enables small companies (100 or fewer employees in MA) and research institutions to hire paid interns by reimbursing them for stipends of up to \$9,600 per intern (based on \$20/hour for 12 weeks). Employers review applications on a rolling basis throughout the year and contact applicants directly about potential internship opportunities. There is no application deadline since placements are rolling, though funding is only available to employers on a first-come first-served basis. Your application will automatically be "hidden" (status = Inactive) from the database if not updated within six months from the date it was submitted or last updated. All applications for this round will expire at the end of the Program Year.

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### 2026-27 High School Apprenticeship Challenge

*This application is for internships taking place during the period **May 1, 2026 - April 30, 2027.***

This program funds paid internship opportunities for low-income public high school students. Applicants must be high school students/graduates that are at least 16 years old. Recent graduates (not enrolled in college) that received their high school diploma/GED within the past two calendar years are also eligible. Applicants must be enrolled in or recently graduated from a school that meets at least one of the following descriptions: a) vocational technical high school, b) public high school (including charter) located in a "Gateway City", c) public high school (including charter) with a student population of at least 25% classified as "low income" by MA DESE, d) tuition-free private school, e) METCO program. The MLSC reimburses eligible host organizations up to \$4,080 per intern, based on \$17 per hour for six weeks of full-time work. There is no application deadline since placements are rolling, though funding is only available to employers on a first-come first-served basis. All applications for this round will expire at the end of the Program Year.

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My Applications

8. Add your information, check the information confirmation box, and then click on **“Complete Profile”**.

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Debbie

Profile Status: Incomplete

\* First Name:

Middle Initial:

\* Last Name:

\* Email Address:

\* Primary Phone Number:

\* Organization (Company / Institution / School):

\* Address:

\* City:

\* State:

\* Country:

\* Zip Code:

\* Information Confirmation:  I agree that the above profile information is accurate and up to date.

Save Draft Complete Profile

9. Once you have completed your profile, click on **“Home”** and you will see the following page. Scroll down to **“2026-27 Internship Challenge”** listed under the **“Internship Applications”** section. Click on the **[+]** button to the right.

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10. Complete eligibility questionnaire. Click on “**Submit**” and “**Proceed**” on the next page to begin the application process.

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### New Eligibility Questionnaire

The Massachusetts Life Sciences Center's Internship Challenge accepts applications year-round for internships taking place between May 1st and April 30th.

To be eligible for this opportunity, you must be a resident of Massachusetts (able to provide proof of residency), attend(ed) a college or university located in Massachusetts (able to provide enrollment verification) OR attend(ed) an MSI (Minority Serving Institution) AND you must meet one of the following:

- 2-year/Community College/Certificate students must be enrolled in an Associate's degree or certificate program or completed one within the past calendar year.
- 4-year college or university students must have or will complete(d) at least their freshman year the semester before the internship, or have graduated within the past calendar year.
- Graduate students must be enrolled in a Master's degree program or received their Master's degree within the past calendar year. Ph.D. and M.D. students are not eligible.

Please answer the following questions truthfully to determine if you are eligible for this program.

Are you a Massachusetts student and/or a resident of Massachusetts or are/were enrolled in an MSI (e.g., HBCU)?

Yes  
 No

Is/was your year of graduation 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, or 2028?

Yes  
 No

**Submit**

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Based on your responses, you are eligible for this program and can proceed with the application. However, MLSC staff will still need to review your application to determine eligibility if/when an employer requests approval to extend an offer.

Please press 'Proceed' to begin.

**Proceed**

11. Complete all 5 tabs of the application. If at any time you need to exit the page, click on “**Save Draft**”.

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∨ Contact Information

Full Name: Debbie [REDACTED]

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

E-Mail: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

City: [REDACTED]

State: MA

Zip Code: [REDACTED]

LinkedIn Profile:

∨ Demographic Information

 Although responses are mandatory, you can select “Prefer Not to Say.” Please note that your responses will not be made available to employers and will only be used for statistical purposes.

\* Gender:

\* Preferred Pronouns:

NEXT >

javascript:loadhome(); **Save Draft** **Submit Application**

12. As part of the application, you will be required to upload a **Cover Letter, Resume and Eligibility Documentation** (all documents must be in PDF format).

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∨ Cover Letter and Résumé

**Cover Letter**

Please upload below a one-page cover letter in which you describe why you are interested in working in the life sciences. Your cover letter may include a list of relevant courses taken, specific skill sets, and any research or work experience related to the life sciences.

This document must be in PDF format. Note that employers may use a keyword search that will scan this document. Please ensure that the PDF you upload is searchable. MLSC staff will not be able to verify this for you.

 Upload

**Résumé**

Please upload a one-page résumé below.

This document must be in PDF format. Note that employers may use a keyword search that will scan this document, so please ensure that the PDF you upload is searchable. MLSC staff will not be able to verify this for you.

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∨ Eligibility Documentation

**Eligibility Documentation**

Massachusetts Students (non-MA residents): Please upload a copy of your college transcript (unofficial acceptable if both name and college are listed) or student ID.

Massachusetts Residents (non-Mass students): Please upload a copy of your Massachusetts ID or driver's license.

Non-Mass Residents enrolled in an MSI (such as HBCU) not located in Massachusetts: Please upload a copy of your college transcript (unofficial acceptable if both name and college are listed) or student ID.

Please note that this documentation will not be visible to potential employers. MLSC staff will only use this information to verify your eligibility. If necessary, please black out any personal information you do not wish to share.

This document must be in PDF format.

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< BACK **Save Draft** NEXT > **Submit Application**

13. Once completed, click on “**Submit Application**” on the lower right-hand corner of the page.
14. Congratulations, you have completed your application!
  - Potential employers will contact you directly if they are interested in considering you for an internship position. At that time, they will provide information about their organization and describe the position. The MLSC does not participate in the matchmaking of employers and interns.

