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Carol Martin Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky students are continuing summer learning in modified internships and reimagined programs. While some are happening virtually, many are in-person at WKU, around the Commonwealth, and even global.

In addition to prestigious research internships through the National Science Foundation and internships through The Gatton Academy's public-private partnership program, the Gatton Sponsored Internship Program, this summer features virtual study abroad opportunities.

### Gatton Research Internship Grant

In its 12th year, the Gatton Research Internship Grant program creates summer research opportunities for rising seniors. The grants provide stipends, living expenses and a small supplies fund for projects at WKU. Eleven students were chosen for summer 2021, conducting both face-to-face and virtual research.

Local student Nathan Turlington, '22, Central Hardin High School, will create a BioCloud Job Scheduler with Dr. Jeffrey Galloway of the WKU School of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

### WKU Sisterhood Research Internship Program

Made possible by a gift from the WKU Sisterhood in the fall of 2016, the WKU Sisterhood Research Internship Grant program offers internships for young women from historically underrepresented backgrounds between their junior and senior years. In its final year, these internships will support summer research at WKU.

Isabel Ocegueda, '22, Fort Knox High School, will create an on-campus Virtual Reality Center with Dr. Jeffrey Galloway of the WKU School of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

### General Motors/Mammoth Cave National Park

Shaylyn Avery, '22, Hart County High School.

### Gatton Sponsored Internship Program

The Gatton Sponsored Internship Program works with Kentucky businesses and organizations who are interested in a tax-deductible, private-public partnership with our program by providing a project-based summer internship to a Gatton Academy student.

### National Security Language Initiative-for Youth

NSLI-Y Scholarships from the U.S. Department of State fund students for six to eight weeks of summer intensive study and immersion in a critical language. The programs typically are carried out through immersive study abroad, with participants taking intensive language courses, living with a host family and visiting sites of cultural significance in their host nation. With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, most summer 2021 programs are occurring virtually through online summer intensives. Exceptions are programs in South Korea and Taiwan, which will include the traditional study abroad immersion this summer. The following local students received NSLI-Y Scholarships for summer language study.

Jada Hunter-Hays, '21, LaRue County High School, will continue Chinese study traveling to the NSLI-Y program in New Taipei City, Taiwan.

Brendan White, '22, Central Hardin High School, was offered the virtual NSLI-Y Russian.

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