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LOGISTICS
• 10-week residential research program: Jun 4 – Aug 12, 2023
• $6000 stipend for the summer
• Housing and meals provided
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ELIGIBILITY
• All fields/majors welcome
• Quantitative skills and some programming experience are expected
• Students graduating before December 2023 are not eligible

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• Select a mentor from a transdisciplinary team of SFI faculty
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Diana Avila Padilla (2022)
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Vaccine Hesitancy
Naomi Rankin (2019)
Does age play a role in vaccine hesitancy? We created an agent-based model of a social network to investigate the importance of age-based clustering in belief propagation.

PAST MENTORS
Jessica Flack • Chris Kempes • Melanie Mitchell • Cris Moore • Melanie Moses • among other members of the SFI faculty

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