

A large, multi-story stone building with a prominent tower, surrounded by trees and a paved path.

Helping families navigate college summer program options

EXPLORING SUMMER PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES: A GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

AGENDA OVERVIEW

- Overview of Summer Program Benefits
- Types of Summer Programs Offered by Colleges
- Key Information About Participating Colleges
- Application Process and Financial Considerations
- How to Choose the Right Summer Program

SUMMER PROGRAM BENEFITS



ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Enhancing Academic Skills

Summer programs help students improve core academic skills through structured and engaging learning activities.

Deepening Subject Knowledge

Students gain deeper understanding of subjects by exploring topics in detail during focused sessions.

Exploring New Interests

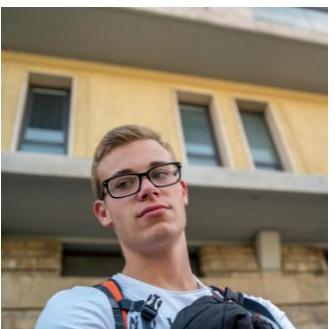
Summer programs provide opportunities for students to discover and explore new academic areas and interests.

PERSONAL GROWTH AND INDEPENDENCE



Building Independence

Summer programs encourage students to navigate new environments independently, boosting self-reliance and decision-making skills.



Boosting Confidence

Exposure to novel challenges during programs helps students gain confidence in their abilities and personal growth.



Enhancing Social Skills

Interaction with peers in diverse settings improves communication, teamwork, and social adaptability.



COLLEGE READINESS AND NETWORKING

Preparation for Higher Education

Summer programs simulate college-level coursework and campus experiences to boost student readiness for university life.

Networking Opportunities

These programs provide chances to connect with peers, mentors, and college representatives, enhancing professional and social networks.

College Apps and Credits

Many of these programs will offer a leg up for your college applications and you can earn college credit you can transfer to colleges after graduation.

SUMMER PROGRAMS OFFERED BY COLLEGES & PROGRAMS



ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY'S
TRIO
TALENT SEARCH

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

This is a federal pre-college program developed to provide academic and support services for first-generation and/or low-income students interested in seeking higher education with the goal of earning a college degree.

OUR MISSION

To provide support, guide, and empower Tolleson's first-generation, income eligible young adults as they strive for successful high school completion, post-secondary enrollment and graduation, and life affirming, difference-making careers and futures.

SERVICES

Academics
Personal Growth
New Experiences
College Readiness

[TRIO Talent Search | Educational Outreach and Student Services](#)



2026 KEYS RESEARCH INTERNSHIP

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Prior to engaging in research, KEYS interns complete assignments focused on science literacy, data science, and biotechnology between April and the start of the program in June.

The first week of the internship, otherwise known as training week, is a crash course that provides practical applications of the skills learned in their pre-KEYS assignments to ensure that have the base knowledge necessary to begin their assigned projects.

KEYS interns work with paired U of A researchers spearheading innovative projects that span multiple disciplines. Faculty, university students, and other lab personnel mentor interns to provide an invaluable opportunity to these budding scholars.

At the close of the program, KEYS interns present what they have learned and experienced to friends, family and the academic community at the research showcase.

[Home | KEYS](#)



SUMMER SCRUBS

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Summer Scrubs is a health career exploration program that helps high school students prepare for their future in health professions. With this program, students will get the opportunity to participate in professional lectures, and hands on lab experiences. “Scrub in” this summer at the University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix!

[Residential Camp](#) – Current 11th Graders

[Day Camp](#) – Current 11th Graders

[Healthcare Team](#) – Current 9th and 10th Graders

[Summer Scrubs | The University of Arizona College of Medicine – Phoenix](#)



CAMP CRONKITE

AT ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Camp Cronkite, our summer enrichment media camp, allows high school students to dive headfirst into media right here at the Cronkite School. By day, Cronkite faculty, staff and student guides lead campers in hands-on learning in our state-of-the-art building on ASU's Downtown Phoenix campus; then, campers enjoy scheduled evening programming and end the day retreating across the street to Gordon Commons, our residential hall, for supervised R&R.

Students attend core sessions on writing, interviewing, visual storytelling and professional branding, and choose their own Camp Cronkite adventure by selecting elective sessions from topics such as producing, videography, podcasting, weather, social media and more.

[Camp at Cronkite | Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication](#)



ACE

Achieving a College Education

Ace students are high school juniors and seniors currently enrolled in college courses while attending regular high school. Throughout their junior and senior years, ACE students receive college scholarships so they can take classes at EMCC and experience the college environment.

Classes meet during the regular summer sessions and on Saturdays during the Fall and Spring semesters.

Upon graduating from high school, an ACE student will have earned up to 24 transferable college credits.

[Ace | Estrella Mountain Community College](#)



HOOP OF LEARNING

Hoop of Learning

The Hoop of Learning Program is an early high school bridge program created to encourage students to stay in school and graduate as well as increase their matriculation to college. A basic tenet of the Hoop of Learning program is the belief in the importance of young people developing strong positive cultural identities and integrity. To this end, culturally relevant curriculum is particularly important to this program and students are asked to take classes that focus on Native American history and cultural themes. Native American high school students, grades 9th through 12th, are given the opportunity to earn college credits while still in high school.

[Hoops | Estrella Mountain Community College](#)



**GLENDALE COMMUNITY
COLLEGE
GLENDALE, AZ
SUMMER PROGRAMS**



Prescott College





Midwestern University



HEALTH CAREERS INSTITUTE 2026



Join Midwestern University faculty and students for a **FREE**
5-day hands-on program to learn about these health professions:

- Biomedical Sciences
- Clinical Psychology
- Dental Medicine
- Graduate Nursing
- Nurse Anesthesia
- Occupational Therapy
- Optometry
- Osteopathic Medicine
- Perfusion/Cardiovascular Science
- Pharmacy
- Physical Therapy
- Physician Assistant Studies
- Podiatric Medicine
- Precision Medicine
- Public Health
- Speech-Language Pathology
- Veterinary Medicine

July 13-17, 2026

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily

Application Deadline: April 1, 2026

Students must be a current a junior or senior
(as of April 1)

More info & application @
midwestern.edu/AZHealthCareersInstitute



Arizona State University



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Polytechnic Campus: SANTN 230
West Valley Campus: FAB N 290

JOIN OUR PLANTANDO SEMILLAS YOUTH PROGRAM

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Chispa Arizona's Plantando Semillas is a summer-long civic engagement program for youth in Maricopa, Pima and Yuma Counties. We focus on empowering, mentoring and providing civic engagement opportunities to help young people become climate leaders and advocates for the change they want to see in their planet.

Our curriculum includes topics such as civic engagement, voter registration, organizing and advocacy for environmental justice and how to be great communicators on social and traditional media – all tailored to our youth's unique needs.



PROGRAM DETAILS

30+ COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

Semillas will have a chance to acquire more than 30 hours of community service hours.

OPEN TO AGES 12-18

The program is open to youth between the ages of 13 and 18 who wish to participate in a meaningful summer program.

DEADLINE TO APPLY

Interested youth must apply by May 21.

7-WEEK COMMITMENT

Participants (Semillas) will attend weekly sessions focused on empowerment, mentoring and civic engagement.

10 YOUTH PER COUNTY

Chispa Arizona will select 10 Semillas in each County, Maricopa, Pima and Yuma.

WIOA Youth Program

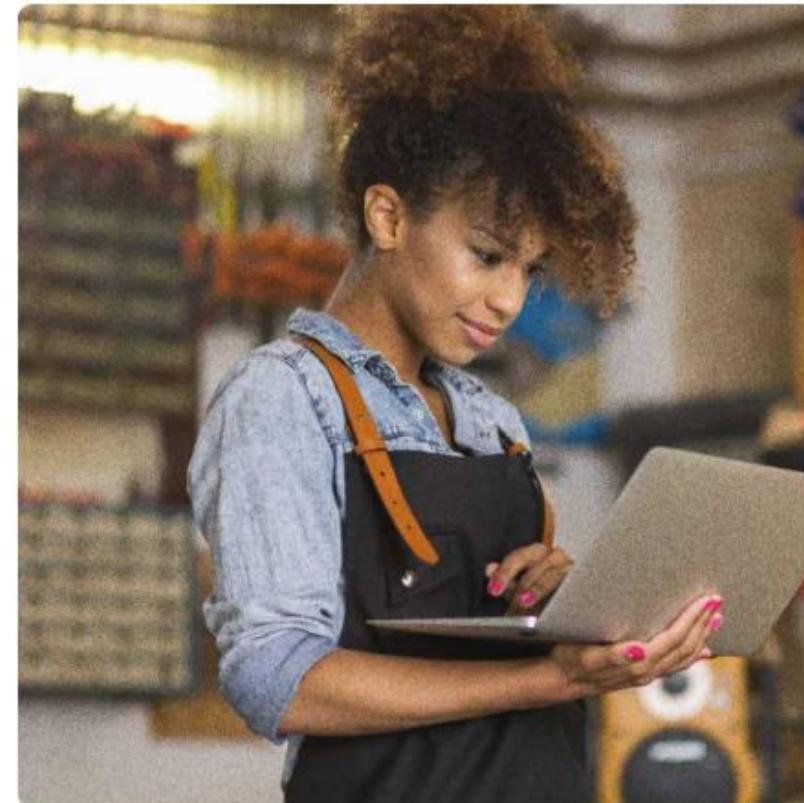
CPLC Workforce Solutions provides education and employability services to youth and young adults in the Phoenix metro area, aged 16 to 24. Our goal is to ensure that every participant is prepared to enter the workforce and embark on a successful career pathway.

We are committed to equipping individuals with the skills, knowledge, and resources to thrive in their chosen profession. By providing comprehensive training and support, we empower participants to confidently navigate the job market and achieve long-term career success.

Services include:

- High school/GED completion
- Short-term upskilling training/college and career readiness
- Academic/vocational skills assessment
- Paid internships
- Direct supportive services (books, school supplies, bus passes, gas cards, etc.)
- Job development & job placement
- Academic and career counseling
- Financial Literacy
- Mentorship

This program is free of charge to qualified teens and young adults, and in many cases results in paid internships.



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[Start Your Career Exploration](#)





BUSINESS CAREERS AWARENESS PROGRAM

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
IN COLLABORATION WITH EY

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

EY, an international public accounting firm, teamed up with the **University of Arizona's Eller College of Management Dhaliwal-Reidy School of Accountancy** to provide high school students with an opportunity to explore business careers, learn about UA, and become involved in the Eller community. BCAP is open to all students and we especially encourage first generation and students with financial need to apply. BCAP participants will be ready to launch into college with confidence and connections.

FREE ONE WEEK RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM
CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS
University of Arizona – Tucson, AZ
May 31st – June 5th

Application Deadline: March 1st



[Business Careers Awareness Program](#)

HUNTINGTON UNIVERSITY

PEORIA, AZ

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Does your interest lie in aviation? Or do you want to become an engineer? Or maybe you are drawn toward a career in global security. You can explore all of these things and more at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Visit our [Summer Camps website](#) and select from any one of our outstanding programs to find out more about each program and to register. Registration is accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Register early, as our programs fill up fast!

Summer Programs

Select a Program

Each week-long session will focus on a different subject. The summer programs curriculum is developed and taught by Embry-Riddle faculty, staff and instructor pilots. Students will be accompanied and supervised by approved staff and student coordinators throughout their program duration on campus. With exciting programs ranging from Aeronautics, Data Science, Forensics, Game Design, Cyber, Air Traffic Control, and Drone, these summer program experiences are the perfect mix of in-class academics, hands-on learning, and fun.



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Fleischer Scholars Program

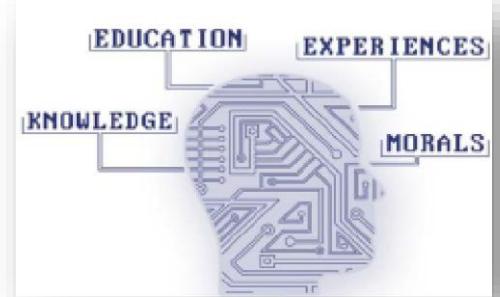


PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Learning the keys to academic and professional success
- Discovering academic and career opportunities
- Interacting with current W. P. Carey students, faculty, staff, and alumni
- Learning more about university admission and available scholarships and financial assistance options
- **FREE**

Apply online at <https://wpcarey.asu.edu/fleischer>

- ★ **Program dates:** June 1 - 5, 2026
- ★ **Online Development Workshop Time:** Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (MST)
- ★ **On Campus Day:** Friday, June 5, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Joaquin Bustoz Math-Science Honors Program



JOAQUIN BUSTOZ MATH- SCIENCE HONORS PROGRAM

AT ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Joaquin Bustoz Math-Science Honors Program is a summer residential program for high school students to begin mathematics studies before graduating high school. Students are registered in a university-level mathematics course for credit and there is **no cost to the student**. The JBMSHP offers a number of resources available to the students as they transition from high school to college. While the JBMSHP alumni are still enrolled in high school, they receive frequent electronic correspondence from the JBMSHP staff members ranging from a variety of topics including scholarship opportunities, assistance with college admissions, as well as prospects with regard to financial aid. Once JBMSHP alumni have matriculated to ASU, the JBMSHP continues to support and encourage these students to maintain high academic standards as they pursue their educational and career choices.

[Summer program | Simon A. Levin Mathematical, Computational and Modeling Sciences Center](#)



Access ASU



[Summer Programs | Access ASU](#)

Rising Leaders



PROGRAM BENEFITS

- **Live on campus for six days and five nights**
- **Dive into 30+ degree options and different discipline areas while earning college credit**
- **Interacting with current W. P. Carey students, faculty, staff, and alumni**
- **Participate in hands-on learning activities, including an applied project**
- **\$1,400 for room and board**

Apply online at <https://wpcarey.asu.edu/pre-college/rising-leaders>

★ **Program dates:** June 21 - 26, 2026



Carnegie Mellon University

Pre-College Programs

A photograph of two students lying on a grassy lawn. In the foreground, a student with long dark hair is smiling and gesturing with their hands. Behind them, another student in a red hoodie is also smiling. In the background, there are other students and a large, white, classical-style building under a clear blue sky.

CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY: PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAMS

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Carnegie Mellon's Pre-College Programs mirrors the undergraduate experience, giving rising juniors and seniors the opportunity to explore their interests and passions while receiving instruction from acclaimed Carnegie Mellon faculty and staff.

We provide a holistic and robust student experience that includes academic and personal development both inside and outside of the classroom in order to prepare students for the future. Live and learn in a college setting that will challenge you to discover your best self.

Scholarships are available. Deadline: Feb 1st

Must be 16 years of age by June 20, 2026 and a rising junior or senior during the summer of 2026.

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Carnegie Mellon University

Apply to be a Bezos Scholar today



BEZOS SCHOLARS PROGRAM

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Bezos Scholars Program is a **FREE**, yearlong leadership development program for eligible **JUNIORS** who want to take initiative and lead positive change in their communities.

Scholars and educators kick off the year with an immersive week at the Aspen Ideas Festival, meeting global leaders and dreaming about ways to make a change in a beautiful setting nestled in the mountains. For yearlong training, they meet virtually to build skills in leadership, collaboration, and project design while strengthening the cohort community. Each Scholar team develops and launches a Community Change Project that addresses a need in their community with support and seed funding. After the program year, Scholars join their global network of alum who continue to mentor, collaborate, and meaningfully contribute to society.

[Bezos Scholars Program | A leadership experience that lasts](#)



STEM SUMMER CAMPS

STEM SUMMER CAMPS: AT SOUTH DAKOTA MINES

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Ready for an unforgettable summer? Join us at South Dakota Mines for our STEM summer camps, where high school students (and recent grads) get to dive into the exciting world of science and engineering!

These aren't your typical camps. You'll roll up your sleeves with hands-on experiments, embark on epic field trips, and learn from awesome professors who know what it's like to work in STEM careers. Plus, you'll be on a real college campus, getting a taste of what it's like to learn and explore at South Dakota Mines.

18 Different Day Camps

2 Different Virtual Camps

[STEM Summer Camps at South Dakota Mines](#)

STANFORD PRE-COLLEGIATE STUDIES PROGRAMS

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Stanford Pre-Collegiate Studies, a unit within Stanford University, advances the education of academically motivated and intellectually curious pre-college students. Our programs cover advanced subjects rarely taught in high school, offering students a chance to challenge themselves by diving deep into cutting-edge topics.

Stanford Summer Humanities Institute

In this three-week residential program, rising high school juniors and seniors explore the big questions at the heart of the humanities in seminars led by Stanford professors and graduate students.

Program Length: 3 weeks

Grade Levels: 10 - 11

Program Format: Residential

Tuition: \$8,850 (financial aid available)

Application Deadline: February 2, 2026

Stanford Pre-Collegiate Summer Institutes

Each course provides an in-depth exploration of a single subject, allowing students to pursue their academic interests. Choose from over 75 courses in computer science, math, creative writing, philosophy, engineering, and more.

Program Length: 2 weeks

Grade Levels: 8 - 11

Program Format: Online

Tuition: \$3,200 (financial aid available)

Application Deadline: March 13, 2026

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CISNEROS HISPANIC LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Caminos al Futuro is a fully funded, pre-college and residential summer program led by The George Washington University's Cisneros Institute. To be eligible, you must be a rising senior at a U.S. high school with a high-level of academic achievement and a demonstrated commitment to leadership.

During the 3-week intensive program, Caminos scholars live on the GW campus and examine the social, economic and political transformations affecting the Hispanic/Latino community in a college-like environment.

Participants get a first-hand view of policymaking in the nation's capital with visits to Congress, government agencies and leading non-profits. Scholars also participate in university-style lecture series, writing labs, and community action projects, meet with admissions specialists in a series of workshops to prepare them for the college application process.



**CAMINOS
al FUTURO**
JUN 22 - JUL 10

APPLICATION IS OPEN!

The application for the 2026 Caminos al Futuro pre-college summer program is now open!

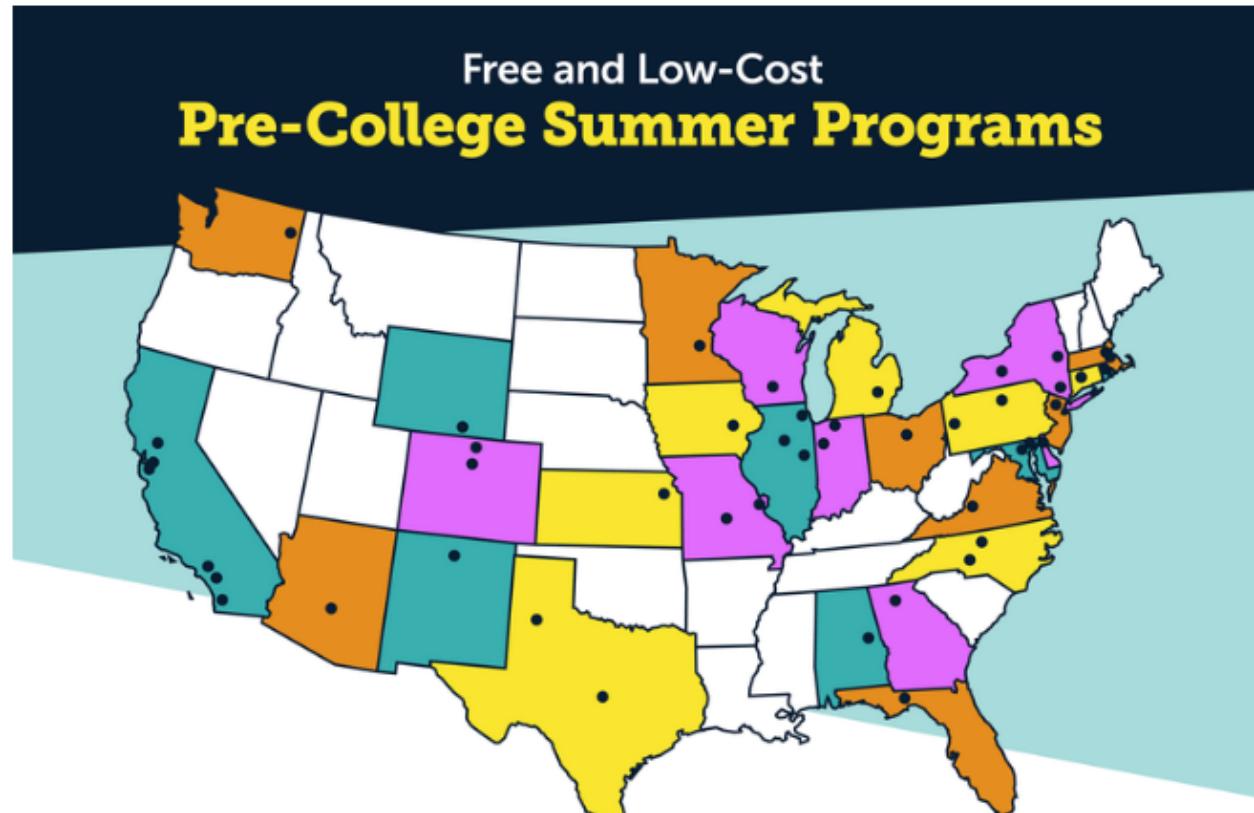
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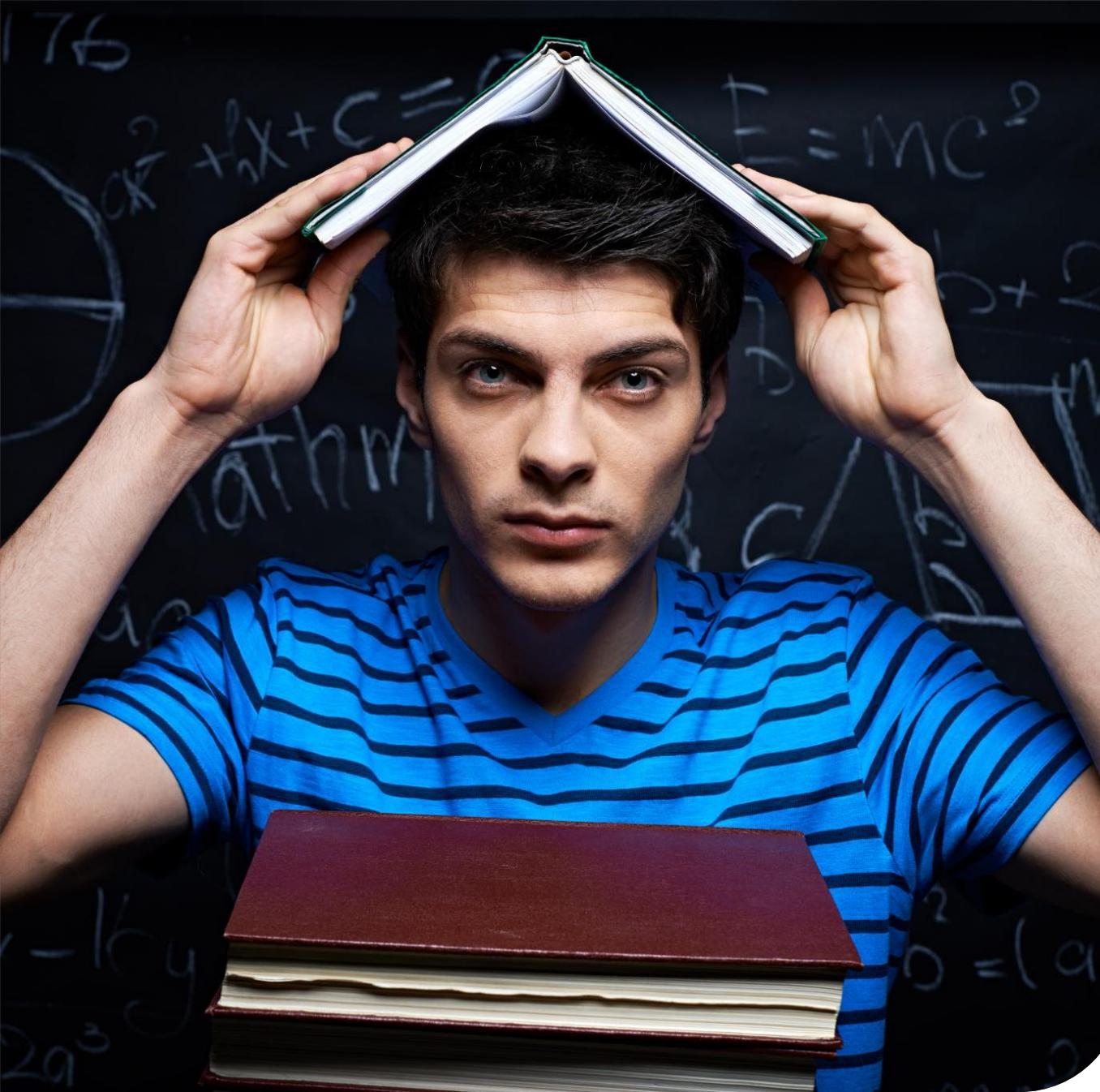
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HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT SUMMER PROGRAM



MATCHING INTERESTS AND GOALS

Academic Interests

Evaluate the student's preferred subjects and fields of study to align with suitable programs.

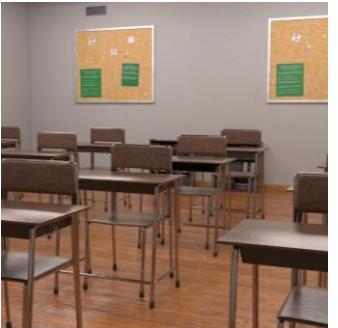
Career Aspirations

Understand career goals to select programs that provide relevant skills and opportunities.

Personal Development

Consider personal growth goals to ensure the program supports overall development.

EVALUATING PROGRAM STRUCTURE AND CAMPUS LIFE



Curriculum and Schedule

Review program curriculum and daily schedules to align with educational goals and personal needs.



Campus Environment

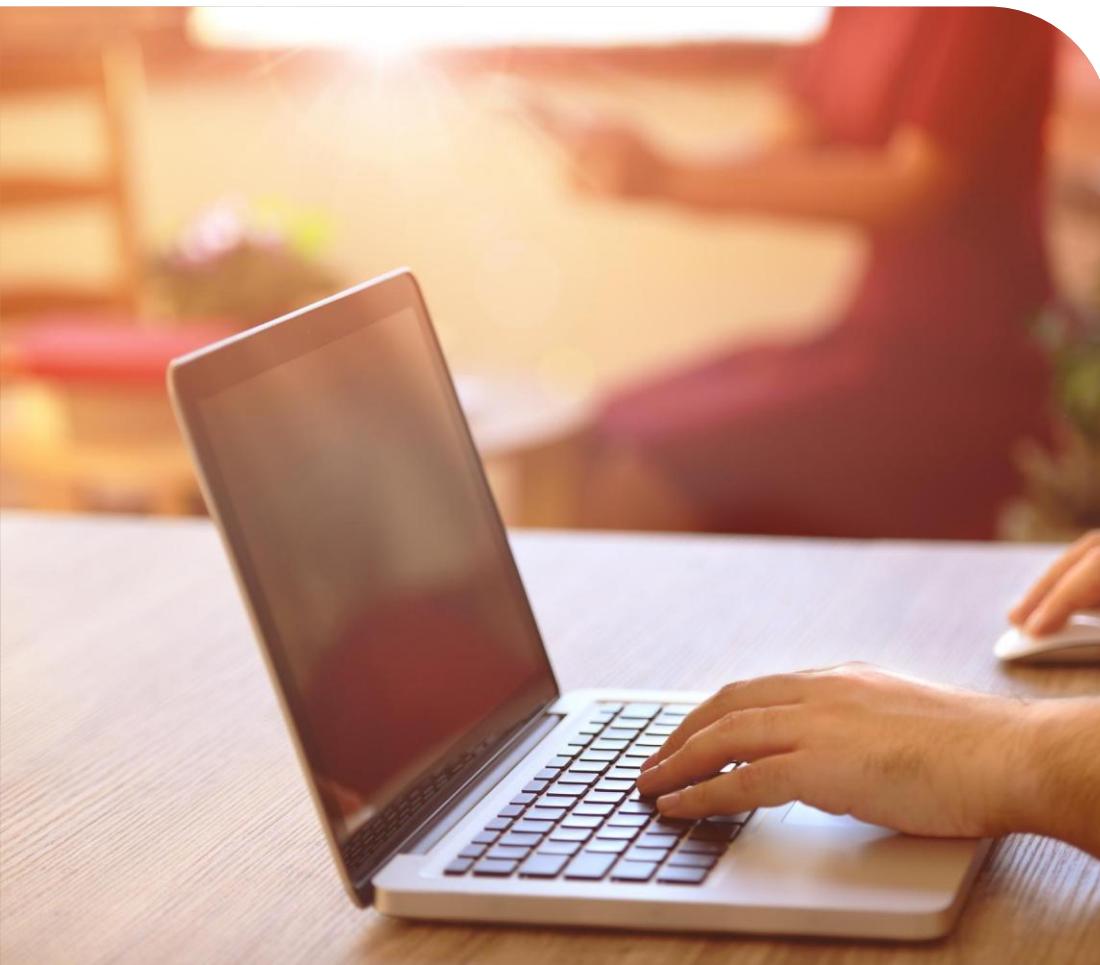
Assess the campus atmosphere including facilities, social spaces, and safety for a comfortable learning experience.



Support Services

Evaluate available support services such as counseling, tutoring, and career guidance to enhance student success.

TIPS FOR MAKING AN INFORMED DECISION



Thorough Research

Conduct in-depth research to gather all necessary information before making a decision.

Attend Information Sessions

Participate in sessions to gain insights and clarify doubts directly from experts or organizations.

Consult Alumni

Speak with alumni to get real experiences and advice to guide your choice effectively.

Evaluate Pros and Cons

Carefully weigh the advantages and disadvantages to make the best choice for your family.