



## The W.E.B. DuBois Scholars Institute 2021 Online Summer Program: Announcement for Applications

Founded in the summer of 1988, the W.E.B. DuBois Scholars Institute provides scholarship and leadership training for high-achieving youth attending middle and secondary schools. Each year for more than 32 years, the overall average SAT score for our W.E.B. DuBois Scholars has been significantly higher than national norms. Approximately 99 percent of the participants attend college and graduate. An overwhelming majority of them attend highly selective colleges and universities.

Additionally, the Institute is proud to have nurtured two awardees of the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship, the international postgraduate award for students to study at Oxford University. In November of 2017 Jordan Thomas, Princeton University alum, achieved this award. Jordan joins the ranks of Carla Peterman, current lead Commissioner of the California Public Utilities Commission, who achieved this award in 1999. The Institute prides itself in the development of all our scholars to pursue greatness not only personally but also academically and professionally. It is accomplishments, such as these, that are encouraged and strengthened at the W.E.B. Du Bois Scholars Institute.



In light of safety actions and precautions taken in response to the coronavirus, the residential Summer Institute, which has been hosted at Princeton University for more than two decades, has been cancelled. However, after the success of the Du Bois Institute's Online Academic Enrichment Program that occurred in the summer of 2020, a more comprehensive online program structure has been developed for this summer. Evidently, driven by a perceived need to sustain and strengthen students' interests in scholarship, leadership, career development and community service, the 2021 Online Summer Program will operate from late June to late July.

During the 2021 Online Summer Program, students will receive rigorous instruction in university-level courses taught by university professors, post-doctoral fellows, and doctoral candidates from top research universities and institutions throughout the country. Online courses will be in session from June 26, 2021 – July 28, 2021, using a web conferencing platform. Throughout this duration, multiple courses will be available, in which students can apply. Session 1 courses will run from June 26<sup>th</sup> – July 6<sup>th</sup>. Session 2 courses will run from July 7<sup>th</sup> – July 15<sup>th</sup>. Session 3 courses will run from July 16<sup>th</sup>- July 26<sup>th</sup>. Each course will occur for seven class meetings (excluding weekends) for 90 minutes a day. Students can apply for more than one course. The cost per course is \$300. Overall, the Institute aims to sharpen students' research and quantitative analysis skills, as well as writing, verbal, and critical reading skills through a diversity of high-level academic courses. Current, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh graders are eligible to participate. **The application and supplementary materials submission deadline is April 12, 2021. Rolling admissions thereafter will be based on available space.**

The W.E.B. DuBois Scholars Institute was founded with an aim to develop a cadre of brilliant leaders/activist scholars with a commitment to contributing their talents for the betterment of others by solving major problems facing our society. The scholars of the Institute are encouraged to be leaders/activist that define personal success in terms of the impact of their talents on the well-being of others, especially members of underserved communities. Not only does the Institute prepare students academically and socially for college, but it also provides them tools to navigate bureaucracies in institutions of higher learning and have a positive impact upon the challenging political, social, and economic landscape of the times.



To view online applications and get information about requirements, cost, curriculum, and deadlines visit [www.duboisscholars.org](http://www.duboisscholars.org).

Sincerely,

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