Guidance Update: Upcoming Events and Opportunities
11/13/26 edition

(The opportunities and events that are listed here have been sent to us from various sources. They are not endorsed by us. We are simply sharing information.)

The Lumiere Research Scholar Program

Do original research this winter. Work 1-on-1 with a PhD mentor.

At the Lumiere Research Scholar Program, we pair high school students with researchers from universities such as Harvard, Oxford, and MIT to complete an independent research project in 12 weeks. Students have the option to publish their work in journals, participate in competitions, and earn academic credits from UCSD.

Founded by Harvard and Oxford PhDs. Last year, 57 of our alumni got into the Ivies and 10 to Stanford. More info in our **brochure**.

Winter Cohort Deadline: **Nov 22** - Apply here.

Wolves of Wall Street Competition

Students explore financial markets, manage virtual investment portfolios using real market data and pitch research-backed strategies with guidance from Harvard student mentors.

- Starts: 6 December 2026
- Eligibility: Grades 8–12
- Duration: 8 weeks, online, Sundays
- Sessions: 9:00–10:00 AM Eastern Time
- Exclusive Scholarship Fee: USD 60 (Use code WOWNEW60 at the payment page)
- Regular Fee: USD 100
- Rewards: USD 1,000 global prize pool
- Website: https://joinfinlit.com/competition
- Apply: https://joinfinlit.com/competition/apply

Yale International Relations Association Global Essay Competition 2027

Students explore pressing global issues, develop original perspectives and present their arguments through a 400-word essay, with webinars and feedback from Yale students.

- **Eligibility:** Grades 8–12
- **Essay Length:** 400 words
- **Writing Webinars:** January 2027
- **Submission Dates:** 1–7 February 2027
- **Early Registration:** USD 29 until 10 December 2026
- **Regular Fee:** USD 50 until 30 December 2026
- **Awards:** USD 500, USD 400 and USD 300 for the top three winners
- **Website:** https://www.learnwithleaders.com/competitions/the-yale-international-relations-essay-competition/
- **Apply:** https://studentform.ivycomp.com/

Research Masterclass Series

Research Masterclass Series, led by **Harvard** student mentors
Live on Zoom | Sundays | 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM EST

Participants can register for one session, two, or all three — the choice is yours!

Session 1: Research Paper 101: Find a Question Worth Answering (Even With Zero Experience)
Sunday, 6th December, 2026

Session 2: How to Write a Research Paper: From Blank Page to First Draft
Sunday, 13th December, 2026

Session 3: From Draft to Published: How High Schoolers Get Their Research Into Journals
Sunday, 20th December, 2026

Session Details:

- **Eligibility:** Students from Grades 8–12, Parents & Educators
- **Format:** Live, interactive Zoom session
- **Duration:** 60 Minutes per session
- **Fee:** **Complimentary**

Registration Link: Click Here

Stanford Summer Data Science & AI Program (Online)

High school students (grades 9–12) are invited to apply to **Stanford Medicine's Stanford Data Ocean Online Summer Camp**, a 4-week online program focused on **data science, AI/ML, and precision medicine**. Students will work with real biomedical datasets, learn foundational data science and AI/ML skills, and earn two **Stanford Genetics** certificates upon completion:

- Fundamentals of Data Science in Precision Medicine and Cloud Computing
- Fundamentals of AI/ML in Precision Medicine

The camp includes self-paced modules, live instructor sessions, weekly office hours, access to an AI tutor, and a collaborative team capstone project. **No coding experience is required.**

- **Application fee:** $0
- **Program fee after acceptance:** $1,500
- **Need-based scholarships are available, and we encourage students requiring financial assistance to apply.**

Learn more and apply:

Stanford Data Ocean Online Summer Camp – Data Science & AI for Precision Medicine

https://deepdata.stanford.edu/stanford-data-ocean-summer-camp/

Watch a 1-minute overview video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=atTRrcPPodo