



2019-2020 Accelerated Learning Academy
Request for Applications
Announcement

Greetings:

It is a pleasure to invite applicants to participate in the Accelerated Learning Academy (ALA). Under the auspices of the W.E.B. DuBois Scholars Institute, the ALA will be held on the campus of Princeton University on the following weekends during the 2019-20 school year: December 13th–15th, February 28th–March 1st, and April 24th–26th. Since its inception in 1988, the W.E.B. DuBois Scholars Institute has provided scholarship and leadership training for high-achieving youth. Through rigorous preparation and nurturance, The Institute seeks to develop a cadre of brilliant young scholars with a commitment to creating a more just and humane society. Participants are expected to embrace the belief that “giving back” to help people in need is a duty.

As a subsidiary of the Institute, the Accelerated Learning Academy prepares bright young minds attending secondary schools for leadership roles in four tracks: *Medical Science*, *Biomedical Engineering & Technology*, *Artificial Intelligence & Technology* and *Applied Mathematics*. Led by world-class scientists from leading medical/research institutions, this academy will offer STEM enrichment workshops and seminars in each of the previously-mentioned tracks. It aims to increase the pool of high-achievers with aspirations for careers in medical science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Students currently enrolled in the Tenth or Eleventh grade by September 2019 are eligible to participate.

During their stay in Princeton, student participants will be able to explore Princeton University. The workshops are designed to provide opportunities for participants to immerse themselves in team-oriented learning with like-minded students. After the workshops on each Saturday, a reception will be held that includes student participants, faculty and staff members as well as other scientists and professionals. The receptions will provide opportunities for students to “network” and interact with those in attendance. On Saturday evening, students will have fun-oriented activities at a hotel in Princeton, New Jersey.

On each Sunday morning, student participants will attend workshops on “new thinking.” During the last session in April 2019, they will be inducted into the ALA’s *Society of New Thinking*, an organization comprised of W.E.B. Du Bois Scholars with interest in original thinking and problem-solving. To submit applications and get information about requirements, cost, scholarships, curriculum, residential living, and deadlines click on the link www.duboisscholars.org.

Sincerely,

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