Yale Young Global Scholars Program for Outstanding High School Students
The Yale Young Global Scholars Program is an intense academic summer program designed to provide talented high school students with interdisciplinary insight, global awareness, and critical skills for becoming leaders inside and outside the classroom. Participants spend two weeks on the Yale University campus in New Haven, Connecticut getting an authentic taste of life at Yale while encountering many new ideas and perspectives.

ARE YOU READY FOR TWO EXCITING AND CHALLENGING WEEKS AT Yale?

Each of the three sessions -- Science, Policy, and Innovation; Politics, Law, and Economics; and Studies in Grand Strategy -- gives high school student leaders opportunities to recognize and understand contemporary global issues, strategize responses, and innovate solutions while learning from renowned practitioners and Yale faculty members in a range of fields.

With a combination of lectures, elective seminars, small-group work, and simulation activities, the Yale Young Global Scholars Program emphasizes an open, exploratory, and collaborative approach to learning. Each session is limited to 200 students, and participants enjoy individual attention and feedback.

Students are required to do significant college-level reading and participate in challenging individual and group assignments. A day in the program usually includes one or two faculty lectures, a seminar, and meeting in smaller teams or classes to develop writing, research, and presentation skills. The curriculum helps students to improve analytical thinking, intellectual flexibility, written and oral communication, and effective teamwork. Skills are not merely taught; they are practiced.

Admission to the program is very selective and is based on an application that requires two essays, two letters of recommendation, an official transcript, and information about extracurricular activities. Applications for summer 2014 are due February 20, 2014. The program offers need-based financial aid.

As a Yale University program that is administered by University officials, students can expect a first-rate summer experience studying in beautiful campus lecture halls and classrooms, living together in one of Yale's historic residential colleges, eating in the award-winning dining halls, and engaging with an extraordinary community of students from around the world.

In summer 2013, over 40% of the Yale Young Global Scholars attended high school outside the United States and represented over 45 countries. Participants bring a wide array of viewpoints and beliefs to the program community, and students learn from one another outside the classroom, developing friendships that last far beyond the end of the summer.

The Yale Young Global Scholars Program is now in its 13th year. Program alumni go on to attend top colleges and universities in the United States and abroad, and develop a strong alumni network of like-minded young adults.

The program is non-credit-granting, and students do not receive any grades, marks, or quantitative evaluations of their work. There are no prerequisites, but please see individual session descriptions for suggestions on preparation.
SCIENCE, POLICY, AND INNOVATION
June 16 - June 29

POLITICS, LAW, AND ECONOMICS
July 7 - July 20

STUDIES IN GRAND STRATEGY
July 26 - August 8
The Science, Policy, and Innovation (SPI) session of the Yale Young Global Scholars Program is targeted at students with interests in emerging global challenges in fields such as global health, environment, and energy, all areas that require technical expertise, policy fluency, and innovative leadership.

Summer 2014 is the inaugural year for SPI, and the session will combine cutting edge work in science and technology with a focus on the interaction of policy and science. With an emphasis on developing scientific citizenship, students will learn how to effectively translate complex ideas to a non-expert audience and how scientific innovation is shaped by—and makes impacts on—policy, business, and other economic, political, and social forces.

SPI draws support from across the University, including the Yale Law School, Yale School of Public Health, and Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. Faculty involved in the program include Professor of Applied Physics and Physics Daniel Prober, Law School Deputy Dean Douglas Kysar, and Executive Director of the Global Health Leadership Institute Michael Skonieczny. Lectures and seminars will cover topics like climate change, intellectual property law, bioethics, sustainable development, infectious diseases, social entrepreneurship, and resource management.

Working in teams, students will develop and present a novel, pragmatic response to a contemporary challenge in one of the core program areas. Participants will get to go behind-the-scenes at Yale with lab and facilities tours, and will also hear from professionals working in both businesses and non-profits tackling emerging global challenges.

While not formally required, students interested in SPI should have some background in high school math and science, and should be familiar with the scientific method. Given the interdisciplinary focus of the session, students who have substantial science backgrounds are encouraged to apply, as are students who are interested in applying science in problem-based solutions in policy and entrepreneurial work.
POLITICS, LAW, AND ECONOMICS

July 7 - July 20

The Politics, Law, and Economics (PLE) session of the Yale Young Global Scholars Program is aimed at students with an interest in understanding American legal principles, economic ideas, and values and practices of government in historical and comparative perspectives. Using and critiquing important elements of the American intellectual and political tradition, students move on to consider potential solutions for contemporary social problems.

Students in the program will learn key ideas in economic, legal, and political theory that are the basis for understanding social systems well beyond the borders of the United States. Drawing on Yale’s exceptional academic traditions in the humanities and social sciences, PLE lectures are given by faculty in the Yale Law School, and Departments of History, Political Science, and Economics, including scholars such as Sterling Professor of Economics William Nordhaus, Sterling Professor of Law Anthony Kronman, and Sterling Professor of Law and Political Science Akhil Reed Amar.

Lectures and elective seminars will cover topics such as democratic institutions, free speech, civil rights, market regulation, the American presidency, and comparative constitutions. Over the two week program, students will complete a research-based assignment and will be asked to present their findings to instructors and fellow students. They will also participate in a lively simulation activity, learn about relevant career paths from faculty and practitioners, and build a toolkit of critical skills for college and beyond.

While not formally required, students interested in PLE should have some background in high school history and social studies. Given the interdisciplinary focus of the session, students who have strong academic and extracurricular interests in economics, politics, and law are encouraged to apply, as are students who are interested in further developing their knowledge in the social sciences and applying it to contemporary issues.
The Studies in Grand Strategy (GS) session of the Yale Young Global Scholars Program is designed for students with interests in international relations and security. The session emphasizes leadership development, and draws on historical examples and contemporary issues to help students think strategically and negotiate potential responses to complex international dilemmas.

Modeled on the famous Brady-Johnson Program in Grand Strategy administered by International Security Studies for Yale undergraduate and graduate students, GS brings together faculty members such as recent Pulitzer Prize winner Professor John Lewis Gaddis and Diplomat-in-Residence Charles Hill, as well as policy practitioners like Brady-Johnson Distinguished Fellow in Grand Strategy and former U.S. representative to the United Nations Ambassador John Negroponte.

In addition to attending lectures and seminars on topics such as cybersecurity, international terrorism, humanitarian intervention, executive decision-making, just war theory, and resource security, students complete a capstone project called the “Marshall Brief.” For this exercise, students work in teams throughout the program to develop a policy proposal and write a report of their recommendations, ending with a presentation to an audience of instructors and fellow students.

Students also participate in a crisis simulation, learn about careers in policy-making, national security, and international organizations, and reflect on the challenges of effective leadership.

While not formally required, students interested in GS should have some background in high school history and social studies. Because the program has a strong interdisciplinary focus, students with significant background in international relations and global affairs are encouraged to apply, as are students with other academic interests who want to learn more about widely applicable topics in strategic thinking, policymaking, and leadership development.
AMAZING  FUN  UNFORGETTABLE
CHALLENGING  TRANSFORMATIVE  INTENSE
UNIQUE
ENGAGING

the best summer

“The other students were so intelligent and interesting, and the professors were simply inspiring. I enjoyed learning from everyone involved in this experience!”

- YYGS alumnus
WHO’S ELIGIBLE?

Admission to the Yale Young Global Scholars Program is very selective.

Applicants should have demonstrated high academic achievement and leadership potential, in addition to strong interests in the program content. Applicants should also be able and willing to work openly and effectively with peers. We review all applications holistically, and there are no minimum GPA or test score requirements.

YYGS accepts applications from current high school sophomores or juniors or international equivalents (usually ages 16 to 17 during the program). In order to participate in the program, students must have some high school or secondary school left to complete after summer 2014.

The Yale Young Global Scholars Program has no citizenship or residency requirements. International students, if admitted, will need a valid passport and, if necessary, must obtain a visa to travel to the United States.

For those students who do not participate in English-language schooling, please note that a high level of English fluency is required to participate in the program.

For any questions, please contact global.scholars@yale.edu.

APPLYING TO THE PROGRAM

APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR ALL SESSIONS: FEBRUARY 20, 2014

Applications can be accessed submitted online at:

globalscholars.yale.edu

Applications require submission of two 500-word essays indicating interest in the program, two letters of recommendation, and an official school transcript. We also ask students to submit unofficial standardized test scores (PSAT, SAT, ACT, TOEFL, AP) if available. Only complete applications will be reviewed.

Students should indicate their session preferences on the application.

Tuition is $5,000 USD, and includes room and board, linens, and processing fees. Need-based financial aid is available, including for international students, and requires submission of income and financial resource information.

There is a $55 fee for each application submitted, which can be paid online.