Yale
Young Global Scholars Program
for Outstanding High School Students

PROGRAM INFORMATION
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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 Yale’s campus in New Haven, Connecticut getting an authentic taste of life at Yale with their classmates from around the world.

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

Each of the three sessions – Politics, Law, and Economics; International Affairs and Security; and Science, Policy, and Innovation – 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, and small-group work, 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 one essay, three short responses, two letters of recommendation, an official transcript, and a résumé. Applications for summer 2015 are due February 26, 2015. The program offers need-based financial aid.

As a program administered by Yale University, 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 2014, 48% of the Yale Young Global Scholars attended high school outside the United States and represented 80 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 14th 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.
POLITICS, LAW, AND ECONOMICS
June 23 - July 6

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND SECURITY
July 9 - July 22

SCIENCE, POLICY, AND INNOVATION
July 25 - August 7
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 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 cover topics such as democratic institutions, free speech, civil rights, market regulation, the American presidency, and comparative constitutions. Over the two-week program, students complete a research-based assignment and are asked to present their findings to instructors and fellow students. They will also 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 international Affairs and Security (IAS) session of the Yale Young Global Scholars Program is designed for students with interests in foreign 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 Brady-Johnson Program in Grand Strategy administered by International Security Studies for Yale undergraduate and graduate students, IAS brings together faculty members such as recent Pulitzer Prize winner Professor John Lewis Gaddis and policy practitioners like former Legal Advisor of the U.S. Department of State Harold Koh and Brady-Johnson Distinguished Fellow in Grand Strategy and former U.S. representative to the United Nations Ambassador John Negroponte.

Students attend lectures and seminars on topics such as cybersecurity, international terrorism, humanitarian intervention, executive decision-making, just war theory, and resource security. Students also 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 IAS 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.
The Science, Policy, and Innovation (SPI) session of the Yale Young Global Scholars Program targets 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.

This 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 shapes and influences policy and business.

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, Professor of Sustainable Architectural Design Michelle Addington, and Executive Director of the Global Health Leadership Institute Michael Skonieczny. Lectures and seminars cover topics like climate change, intellectual property law, bioethics, sustainable development, infectious diseases, social entrepreneurship, and resource management.

Working in teams, students develop and present a novel, pragmatic response to a contemporary challenge in one of the core program areas. Participants have the opportunity to tour Yale’s power plant or Yale’s LEED platinum building Kroon Hall, visit the Yale Farm, or explore the Yale Center for Engineering Innovation and Design. Students 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.
AMAZING  FUN  UNFORGETTABLE
CHALLENGING  TRANSFORMATIVE  INTENSE
UNIQUE  ENGAGING

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 2015.

Need-based financial aid is available, including for international students, to cover up to 100% of tuition costs. Financial aid packages are determined by family annual income and other financial resource information as requested in the financial aid application.

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 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 26, 2015

Applications can be submitted online at:

globalscholars.yale.edu

Applications require submission of one 500-word essay, three short responses, two letters of recommendation, an official school transcript, and a résumé. 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 $5,250 USD, and includes room and board, linens, insurance, and processing fees. Need-based financial aid is available. Financial aid application is due on February 26, 2015.

There is a $55 fee for each application submitted, which can be paid online. YYGS will waive the application fee if it would constitute a significant financial burden for the student’s family.