

Undergraduate Diversity Institutes in Philosophy

Come from an underrepresented group? Love philosophy? Wondering what graduate school will be like?

Undergraduate diversity institutes in philosophy encourage and support undergraduates from underrepresented groups and prepare them for graduate study in philosophy. Institutes are held in the summer and last one to two weeks. The institutes are free to attend, and most provide transportation, lodging, meals, and stipends. Each institute normally accepts 10-20 students per year. **See the individual institute websites for more details on when and how to apply.**



Philosophy in an Inclusive Key Summer Institutes (PIKSI)

PIKSI summer institutes encourage undergraduates from underrepresented groups to consider future study of philosophy. The two PIKSI programs are affiliated with one another but operate autonomously. They are funded in large part by grants from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the American Philosophical Association.

PIKSI-Rock

www.piksi.org/programs/rock

Location: Rock Ethics Institute at Penn State University, State College, PA

About the Institute: PIKSI-Rock chooses a theme each year (e.g., "Philosophy & Social Justice") and includes professional development sessions.

PIKSI-Boston

www.piksi.org/programs/boston

Location: Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

About the Institute: PIKSI-Boston includes sessions covering topics in different philosophical areas and traditions (selection changes each year), as well as several professional

Application and Eligibility:

PIKSI programs use a shared application process. Undergraduates and recent graduates from underrepresented groups such as people of color, women, LGBTQ+ people, economically disadvantaged communities, and people with disabilities are urged to apply.

UCSD Summer Program for Women in Philosophy (SPWP)

spwp.ucsd.edu

Location: University of California San Diego, San Diego, CA

About the Institute:

The two-week program features intensive courses and workshops to provide an engaging philosophical learning experience and help students prepare for graduate school in philosophy.

Application and Eligibility:

US and Canadian women enrolled in a four-year college or university are urged to apply. Juniors receive preference, and sophomores are also eligible. Special consideration is given to applicants from schools with limited resources as well as those who face hardships (e.g., financial, cultural) in their pursuit of higher education.

Rutgers Summer Institute for Diversity in Philosophy

www.philosophy.rutgers.edu/summer-institute

Location: Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

About the Institute:

The longest-running diversity institute, this 7-day program introduces students to various areas of specialization in philosophy, gives a better idea of philosophy graduate studies, and explores what it means to be a professional philosopher. It features lectures by philosophy faculty from Rutgers and other schools.

Application and Eligibility:

Open to fulltime students from diverse backgrounds at US colleges and universities. Sophomores and juniors receive preference.

Pittsburgh Summer Program in Philosophy

www.pitt.edu/~pittcntr/Events/All/psp3/psp3.html

Location: University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

About the Institute:

The program features two daily graduate seminars about core issues and cutting-edge topics in general philosophy of science and philosophy of the special sciences from University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon faculty.

Application and Eligibility:

The program focuses on students underrepresented in philosophy of science, but all qualified North American undergraduate applicants will be considered.

Summer Immersion Program in Philosophy at Brown

www.sippatbrown.com

Location: Brown University, Providence, RI

About the Institute:

The two-week program includes daily seminars and activities arranged by the Brown Department of Philosophy.

Application and Eligibility:

Juniors interested in pursuing a career in philosophy who identify as a member of a traditionally underrepresented group are urged to apply. Applications are also accepted from seniors and recent graduates who have not yet applied to graduate school.

Find more information on the APA website: www.apaonline.org/diversityinstitutes