

# LUMIERE RESEARCH SCHOLAR PROGRAM





Founded by Harvard & Oxford researchers, the Lumiere Research Scholar Program is a mentored research program for talented students. In the program, students work 1-1 with a researcher from a top university to produce an independent research project.

## WE HELP STUDENTS



Create an  
independent  
research paper



Stand out in the  
admissions  
process



Build relationships  
with PhD  
researchers from  
top universities



Receive credit  
from UC San Diego  
Extension



# LUMIERE BY THE NUMBERS

2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

9500+

Applications

2200+

Mentors

23000+

Mentoring hours

143

Countries

\$760,000+

In financial aid

# AVAILABLE AREAS FOR RESEARCH

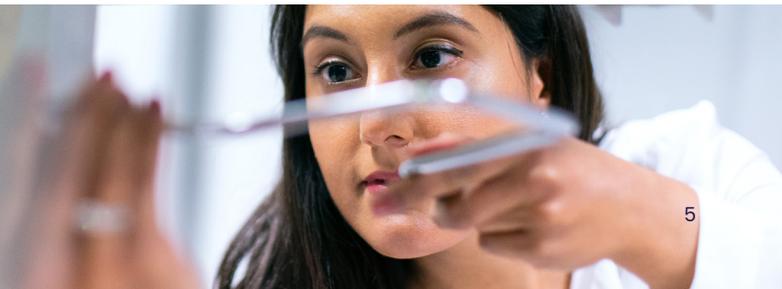
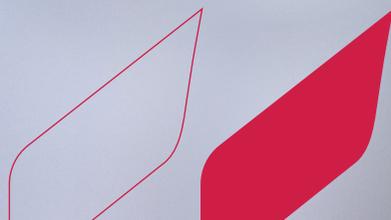
## STEM

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Data Science</li><li>• Physics &amp; Astrophysics</li><li>• Biology</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Computer Science</li><li>• Neuroscience</li><li>• Medicine</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chemistry</li><li>• Engineering</li><li>• Mathematics</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Architecture</li></ul> |
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## HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Economics</li><li>• Psychology</li><li>• Business</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• International Relations</li><li>• Environment Studies</li><li>• Gender Studies</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• History</li><li>• Philosophy</li><li>• Education</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Classics</li><li>• Law</li><li>• Linguistics</li><li>• Sociology</li></ul> |
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- \* Please check **application form** for updated list of topics for the topic focused program
- \* Students will also be able to customize their own research topic, if not currently available in the above offerings
- \* We're happy to support students on interdisciplinary research topics that combine one or more subjects as well!



# OUR MENTORS

Lumiere has **2200+** mentors from top universities



# EXAMPLE MENTOR PROFILES



## CAITLIN NICHOLS

**HARVARD UNIVERSITY**  
PhD in Biological and  
Biomedical Science

**SPECIALIZATION**  
Cancer Genetics,  
CRISPR Gene Editing,  
Molecular Biology



## PRAISE OWOYEMI

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA,  
LOS ANGELES**  
PhD student in Clinical  
Psychology

**SPECIALIZATION**  
Psycho-oncology, Clinical  
Psychology, Health  
Psychology



## BHARGAV GOPAL

**COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY**  
PhD in Economics

**SPECIALIZATION**  
Labor Economics, Law  
and Economics,  
Applied Statistics



## SANAH BHIMANI

**YALE UNIVERSITY**  
PhD candidate in Physics

**SPECIALIZATION**  
Cosmology (Evolution of  
the Universe), Exoplanet  
Data Analysis



## SAMUEL LETTER

**MIT UNIVERSITY**  
PhD candidate in  
International Affairs

**SPECIALIZATION**  
Nuclear Proliferation,  
Preventive War, East Asian  
Security, Alliance Politics

# EXAMPLE PROFESSOR PROFILES



**ROBERT LYON**

Field: Business, Entrepreneurship, & Strategy 

**Current school teaching at**  
New York University

**University of PHD/ Last Degree**  
New York University

**Specific Field**

Issues and ideas at nexus of business and society.  
Sustainability, next generation economic modalities, circular economy, attention economy, environmental economics



**SHOBHANA MURAL STOYANOV**

Field: Mathematics  $\pi$

**Current school teaching at**  
University of California, Berkeley

**University of PHD/ Last Degree**  
Georgia Institute of Technology

**Specific Field**

Statistics



**ALEXEI PARAKHONYAK**

Field: Economics 

**Current school teaching at**  
University of Oxford

**University of PHD/ Last Degree**  
Erasmus University Rotterdam

**Specific Field**

Game Theory, Industrial Organization, Competition Policy,  
Economics of Platforms



**BRENDA RUBENSTEIN**

Field: Physics & Astrophysics 

**Current school teaching at**  
Brown University

**University of PHD/ Last Degree**  
Columbia University

**Specific Field**

The quantum mechanics and quantum computing of molecules, data science for chemical and materials discovery, biomolecular simulation



**YARROW DUNHAM**

Field: Psychology 

**Current school teaching at**  
Yale University

**University of PHD/ Last Degree**  
Harvard University

**Specific Field**

Social psychology, developmental, psychology, cultural psychology, quantitative methods in the social sciences



**RICHARD E PAYNE**

Field: History & Civilisations 

**Current school teaching at**  
University of Chicago

**University of PHD/ Last Degree**  
Princeton University

**Specific Field**

Ancient and Medieval History (Greece, Rome, the Middle East/Islamic, Silk Road)

PROGRAMS OFFERED	 INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH PROGRAM	 PREMIUM RESEARCH & PUBLICATION PROGRAM	 LUMIERE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP	 PROFESSOR PREMIUM PUBLICATION PROGRAM
Individual sessions with mentor	9	15	30	10
Individual sessions with writing coach	2	4	6-8	4
Individual sessions with publication specialist	-	4	4	4
Program oversight from Lumiere program manager	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mentor type	PhD fellow and post-doc	PhD fellow and post-doc	PhD fellow and post-doc	Professors from Top 20 universities
Goal output	College-level academic paper	Publication in high-school or college-level journal*	Highly selective research competition or publication*	Publication in high-school or college-level journal*
<b>Cost &amp; Duration</b> *US Dollar	<b>\$3190 USD</b> 12 weeks	<b>\$6450 USD</b> 3-4 months research time, 1-4 months publication time	<b>\$9900 USD</b> 6-12 months	<b>\$9900 USD</b> 3-4 months research time, 1-4 months publication time

\*No academically rigorous program can or should promise publication. We provide support for 3 rounds of submission to selective high-school or college-level journals.

# PROGRAM TIMELINE

\* This is the timeline for our **Individual and Premium Research programs**. The Lumiere Fellowship will have a distinct extended timeline.



**Week 1:** Meet with mentor and align on a topic



**Week 2-4:** Explore the topic and identify research question



**Week 5-9:** Write research paper with support from research mentor and writing coach



**Week 10-12:** Make final edits and submit paper for final evaluation



**After week 12:** Graduation ceremony and symposium! Students in the Premium Research and Publication Program will continue to meet with their mentor and submit their paper to a journal for publication

Opt to receive 3 units of post-baccalaureate credit from UCSD Extended Studies at the end of the program.

# SELECTED STUDENT PROFILES



OJAS GUPTA

**SCHOOL:** Lynbrook High School

**RESEARCH TOPIC:**

Exploring the role of Humanin as a potential preventative and therapeutic in Alzheimer's disease.

**LUMIERE EXPERIENCE:**

"Lumiere paired me up with the perfect mentor, who helped me turn my ambitions of doing research in biology into a reality. The program schedule was extremely flexible, and helped me create two separate projects in our time together. Lumiere and my mentor helped me create concrete projects around my passions and have empowered me to keep pushing the boundaries of science."

*Ojas was the winner of the MIT THINK competition, where he submitted his Lumiere research project.*



ALEXANDRA GIULIANI

**SCHOOL:** International School of Monaco

**RESEARCH TOPIC:**

Cancer mRNA Vaccines as a Promising Approach for Treating Luminal A Breast Cancer.

**LUMIERE EXPERIENCE:**

"With the support of the Lumiere team and my mentor, Dr. Daniel Wilson, I wrote a paper that proposes new possibilities for breast cancer treatments. My project has now led me to get more hands-on experience in the field of cancer research, and I'm excited to be interning this summer in a lab at the Boston Children's Hospital and Harvard Medical School."

*Alexandra's Lumiere research paper will be published in the International Journal of High School Research this year.*



IDA THERESE PRESTEGÅRD HØVIK

**UNIVERSITY:** Yonsei University

**RESEARCH TOPIC:**

Holding Transnational Corporations to Account: A Comparative Analysis.

**LUMIERE EXPERIENCE:**

"I am in my final year of university, and am currently writing a second bachelor thesis, while also conducting research together with a professor. I thank Lumiere for providing such a comprehensive program through which we could explore and conduct research of our own. My research mentor was such a pleasure to work with. She provided helpful advice and feedback, while also successfully keeping me from straying too far from my topic when I carried out my research. These meetings combined with the various workshops and many available resources, such as the writing center, made the Lumiere program an unforgettable experience."

*Ida's Lumiere research paper was published in the Yale Review of International Studies.*

# SELECTED STUDENT PROFILES



LILY ASHRAF



RIYA MAIYA



THÉO ABRAMO

**UNIVERSITIES ACCEPTED TO:**

Princeton University

**RESEARCH TOPIC:**

How can the standard model of particle physics be consistently extended to include additional light-matter fields, and how might such fields explain dark matter?

**LUMIERE EXPERIENCE:**

“Lumiere truly helped me a lot! The admissions office at Princeton called my mentor and asked him questions about me. Because the university values research a lot, I got in! Thank you so much because with this program and this chance I would never ever be able to attend and get a full ride.”

**UNIVERSITIES ACCEPTED TO:**

University of Pennsylvania

**RESEARCH TOPIC:**

What were the initial conditions of the universe that permitted the growth of the structures we see today?

**LUMIERE EXPERIENCE:**

“I touched on my experience at Lumiere when explaining my previous background with the subject I was applying for, to show demonstrated interest. I also used the recommendation letter to apply to all the universities. I was accepted ED into Penn, and I’m so so happy about it (it was my top choice), and I couldn’t have gotten here without your help. The Lumiere Team really helped me narrow down exactly what I was interested in, learn more about it, and gave me a great experience to showcase to universities.”

**UNIVERSITIES ACCEPTED TO:**

University of California at Berkeley

**RESEARCH TOPIC:**

The impact of USA’s and China’s AI advancement on the European market, and its role in reshaping global power dynamics

**LUMIERE EXPERIENCE:**

“Alongside the guidance of my mentor, an MIT Political Science Ph.D. candidate, I published a paper exploring the US-China-EU tripartite relationship in the realms of artificial intelligence. Thanks to Lumiere’s incredibly flexible program, I was able to have weekly meetings with my mentor and take part in other Lumiere workshops while still balancing my other engagements in school. Lumiere has made navigating the complex world of academia an amazing experience and would recommend it to any motivated student.”

# PUBLICATIONS AND COMPETITIONS

Lumiere alumni have been published in top high school and college-level journals and excelled at competitions. Here are some of their successes!



## OJAS

“Exploring the role of humanin as a potential preventative and therapeutic in Alzheimer’s disease”

*Winner of MIT THINK competition*



## SALIL

“To what extent have emerging social movements caused politicians to respond with effective social change?”

*Winner of LSE Undergraduate Political Review’s Annual Essay Competition*



## IDA

“Holding Transnational Corporations to Account: A Comparative Analysis”

*Published in The Yale Review of International Studies*



## JUSTIN

“What public political attitudes make countries prone to democratic backsliding?”

*Featured on the Brown Journal of World Affairs podcast*



## ANNA

“How the CRISPR–Cas9 Gene Editing Complex Can Be Used to Treat Human ImmunodeficiencyVirus 1 and Sickle Cell Disease with Immune Cell Therapies and Genetic Engineering with Insight Into its Societal Impacts”

*Published in Intersect: The Stanford Journal of Science, Technology, and Society*



## SHAUNAK

“Using Neural Networks to Accurately predict Electrical energy within Point– Absorbers”

*ISEF Regeneration national finalist; first place in regional ISEF fair*

# LUMIERE ALUMNI AND COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

In the class of 2029, Lumiere scholars had a college acceptance rate of **33%**, while the overall acceptance rate was **12.4%**. They received acceptances from 100+ universities, including:



**8**

**HARVARD  
UNIVERSITY**

acceptances



**10**

**CORNELL  
UNIVERSITY**

acceptances



**5**

**BROWN  
UNIVERSITY**

acceptances



**2**

**COLUMBIA  
UNIVERSITY**

acceptances



**2**

**YALE  
UNIVERSITY**

acceptances



**1**

**STANFORD  
UNIVERSITY**

acceptances



**5**

**DUKE  
UNIVERSITY**

acceptances



**8**

**UNIVERSITY OF  
PENNSYLVANIA**

acceptances

We analyzed early admissions results from 379 Lumiere Research Scholar students—comparing their outcomes to the general applicant pool to see how independent research helps students stand out in college applications. We found that students who included their Lumiere research projects in their college applications were **2.9x** more likely to receive an acceptance!



Students that did the Lumiere Research Scholar Program through the help of our financial aid program got into Princeton, Dartmouth and the University of Pennsylvania (with significant financial aid offers).



Lumiere alumni received scholarships worth more than an estimated 1 million USD such as the Trustee Scholarship at the University of Southern California (full ride), full scholarships to the University of Toronto, the Zollman Scholarship at Smith College (college's highest scholarship) and the Presidential Scholarship at Bryn Mawr College.

# LUMIERE RESEARCH INCLUSION FOUNDATION

In 2022, we officially launched a 501(c)(3) non-profit, the Lumiere Research Inclusion Foundation, that provides free high-quality research opportunities to talented, financially disadvantaged students.

## What We Do

At the Foundation, we pair talented high school students with volunteer PhD mentors to do the Individual Research Program at no cost.

## Our Impact

63

Countries



5000+

Applications in the  
past year



350

Students supported  
through aid



**I hope that you can join us on this journey - if you work with talented students from low-income backgrounds, please get in touch with us!**

Here is the application form to become a Breakthrough Scholar at the Lumiere Research Inclusion Foundation:  
<https://airtable.com/shrWKcNSHjd4V2veV>

You can find more information on our website:  
<https://lumiere.foundation/>

# APPLICATION DEADLINE & PROGRAM DATES

## SUMMER 2025

### Application Deadline

Early Admission: 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2025  
 Regular Admission 1: 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2025  
 Priority Admission: 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2025  
 Regular Admission 2: 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2025

### Cohort Timing

2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2025

## SUMMER II 2025

### Application Deadline

23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2025

### Cohort Timing

14<sup>th</sup> July, 2025

## FALL 2025

### Application Deadline

24<sup>th</sup> Aug, 2025

### Cohort Timing

14<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2025

## WINTER 2025

### Application Deadline

16<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2025

### Cohort Timing

8<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2025

## WINTER II 2025

### Application Deadline

28<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2025

### Cohort Timing

19<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2026

## SPRING 2026

### Application Deadline

8<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

### Cohort Timing

2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2026

# APPLICATION TIMELINE



**Application:**  
Fill out an online application before the deadline



**Interview:**  
Shortlisted students will be scheduled for an interview



**Mentor Match:**  
Selected students will be matched with a mentor in their area of research interest



Start the program!





To learn more or schedule a private info session, please reach out to us at [contact@lumiere.education](mailto:contact@lumiere.education)

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