



## 2023 HEIGHTS PHILADELPHIA SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

Below is a list of summer opportunities hosted by Heights Philadelphia. All programs are offered at no cost and some include supplemental support. Please note that applying to these programs do not guarantee acceptance. Students who are currently a part of Heights programming will be prioritized.

We have partnered with the Philadelphia Youth Network (PYN) to provide paid experiences for all programs below. If you live in Philadelphia and are 12 years old or older, please complete the WorkReady Summer paperwork to be eligible for a stipend using the Heights referral code: **WRS49**. Please note, PYN will only pay a stipend to participants for **one summer experience**. Heights summer participants therefore would **not** be eligible for an additional experience with PYN.

**Complete the PYN WorkReady paperwork for summer stipend / wages:**

[New Participants \(Youth who did not participate in 2022\)](#)

[PYN app for Returning Participants \(Youth who participated in 2022\)](#)

All students must complete the PYN WorkReady paperwork to qualify for a stipend.

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The  
Steppingstone  
Academy

**Serving: Rising 5th-Rising 8th graders**  
Monday-Friday 8:30am-2:30pm

**Student Program Dates: June 20, 2023 - August 3rd, 2023**

The Academy program provides rigorous learning opportunities to high-achieving students attending top-performing independent schools in Philadelphia. Our program begins our long-term relationship with scholars as rising 5th-8th graders through our summer and school year programs. We develop our scholars' critical thinking, writing, and

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reading skills through our math, science, ELA, electives, and advisory courses. We encourage our scholars to be curious learners and stretch their academic abilities in the Academy program. Our partner schools are Penn Charter, Baldwin, Agnes Irwin, Haverford, Friends' Central, Friends' Select, Episcopal, Holy Child of Rosemont, St. Peter's, Community Partnership School and selective charter and parochial schools.

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**Location:** City School Poplar 910 N. 6th St. Philadelphia, PA 19123

Middle Grades  
Bridge

**Serving: Rising 7th- Rising 9th graders**

**Student Program Dates: June 20, 2023 - August 3, 2023**

Monday-Friday 8:30am-2:30pm

The Middle Grades Bridge Summer program focuses on exposure to high school, college, and career pathways to students entering 7th-9th grade. Rising 7th and 8th graders will enjoy math and career exploration classes. Rising 9th graders will engage in high school level science and math classes and take part in high school prep activities that promote time management, study skills, financial literacy, and healthy emotional coping skills. Students in the program will be heavily recruited from our seven partner schools; Dunbar Elementary, Duckrey Elementary, Bethune Elementary, McMichael Elementary, Julia R Masterman, Girard Arts Music Program, and George W. Carver Engineering and Science school.

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**Location:** City School Poplar 910 N. 6th St. Philadelphia, PA 19123



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College  
Admission  
Kickstart

**Serving: Rising High School Seniors**

**Student Program Dates: August 8th- August 12th, 2023**

The College Admissions Kickstart is a five-day interactive program that will serve 40 rising seniors. Students will find a community of students that can support them during the college application process. Students will participate in college essay writing workshops and will write their personal statements. Students will visit partner colleges and universities as well as participate in a college fair. To close the five-day event, students will go bowling and participate in a closing ceremony with their families. Students that complete the program successfully will receive stipends\*.

**Contact:** Lina Duran ([linaduran@philadelphiafutures.org](mailto:linaduran@philadelphiafutures.org))

**Location:** 123 S. Broad Street, # 850, Philadelphia, PA 19109

\*Stipends for this experience will come from Heights. Therefore, no registration with PYN is needed for this program.

College Summer  
Institute

**Serving: Rising First-Year College Students**

**Student Program Dates: July 10th-August 4th 2023**

Summer Institute is a 4-week program for rising first-year collegians to support their transition to college. The program is designed to help students make a smooth transition from High School into college and give students an idea of what a semester in college would look like before they start in the Fall. As a participant in the program, you will take core courses (Math, English, Science, and College Seminar). These courses are designed to give you a taste of college-level reading and writing, Math, and the tools needed to be successful during your first semester.

**Contact:** Romer Acosta ([romeracosta@philadelphiafutures.org](mailto:romeracosta@philadelphiafutures.org))

**Location:** Temple University Main Campus



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### Dual Enrollment Summer Program

**Serving:** Rising 10th - 11th graders

**Student Program Dates:** varies by university

Through Heights Philadelphia's Dual Enrollment Program, students have the opportunity to enroll in credit bearing college courses at one of our 4 partner universities this summer. These real-world college experiences will help prepare students for college, and strengthen skills that will set them up for success post high school. Available courses (*subject to change*) include Intro to Business, Apocalyptic Film and Literature, Precalculus, and more!

**Contact:** Annie-Rose Devaney (adevaney@steppingstonescholars.org)

**Location:** Arcadia University, La Salle University, Saint Joseph's University, or University of Pennsylvania (virtual)

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### BLI Computer Science program

**Serving:** Rising 9th-rising 12th graders  
**10:00am - 3:00pm**

**Student Program Dates:** July 5 - August 10, Monday - Thursday,

Learn coding in Java - or advance your skills - in our summer *Blended Learning Initiative - Computer Science Academy* at Penn Engineering. No prior Java experience necessary. Intro & Advanced tracks available. You'll be taught by college Computer Science & Engineering majors, learning part of the AP Computer Science curriculum. Work on coding projects, like designing games or animations, plus special events and lab visits to prepare you for college and careers in technology. *We're looking for students interested in continuing with us after summer, during the 2023-24 school year, to prepare for the May 2024 AP Computer Science A exam. This will be 1.5-2 hours per week in-person at Penn or your school, plus 1 hour online, from October 2023 - April 2024. This is available regardless of whether your school offers AP Computer Science.*

**Contact:** Jeremy Heyman (jheyman@steppingstonescholars.org)

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**Location: Penn Engineering** (220 South 33rd St)

ACS Project  
SEED

**Serving:** Current 10th-12th graders (Rising 11th-12th and a limited number of graduating seniors) who have taken Chemistry and meet income guidelines     **Student Program Dates:** June 20 - August 11, Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 5:00pm

[ACS Project SEED](#) connects motivated, low-income students with 8-week laboratory research internships in chemistry and related fields. This summer's projects and lab placements include various areas of Chemistry, Biochemistry, Computational Chemistry, Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Environmental Engineering. This year's SEED research labs are at Temple University or St. Joseph's University - University City campus. You'll work in your lab 32-35 hours/week and attend national SEED webinars on STEM career and college topics. You'll earn a \$3200 stipend. You must also complete this [ACS Project SEED application](#) (select the Heights Philadelphia site), including parental consent and income documentation, by March 30. 13 positions are available, and interviews are required.

**Contact:** Jeremy Heyman (jheyman@steppingstonescholars.org)

**Location:** Temple University (1901 North 13th St.) or St. Joseph's University - University City Campus (600 S. 43rd St.)



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Temple+Heights  
Philadelphia  
STEM High  
School Research  
Program

**Serving:** Rising 10th - 12th Graders    **Student Program Dates:** June 26 - August 3, Monday - Thursday, 9:00am - 4:00pm

6-week internships in research laboratories at Temple University. Most positions are in Engineering labs - e.g. Biomedical, Mechanical, Electrical, Computer - plus a few in other STEM areas like Data Science/ Analytics. You'll work closely with a mentor, such as a graduate student, in your lab, and also attend special events to prepare for STEM careers and college. You'll earn a \$2000 stipend. 25 positions are available, and interviews are required.

**Contact:** Jeremy Heyman (jheyman@steppingstonescholars.org)

**Location:** Temple University (1947 North 12th St.)

Sanctuary Farm  
Philadelphia

**Serving:** High school students from 19121, 19122, 19132 & 19133

**Student Program Dates:** July 10-July 28, 2023

This program focuses on how issues of social, political and economic factors influence Philadelphia neighborhoods. With a focus on food access, health equity & civic engagement, participants will learn about these issues impact neighborhoods. Participants will earn a \$1,000 stipend and a Certificate from Drexel University's Lindy Center for Civic Engagement.

**Contact:** KG (kgormley@steppingstonescholars.org)

**Location:** 2337-2347 West Berks St, Phila, Pa, 19121



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### Autism Professional Training Program

**Serving:** Individuals with high schools degrees or GED + college students  
**10-Aug 11, 2023**

**Student Program Dates: July**

Heights Philadelphia has partnered with two local Autism providers to run a part-time, 6-week course that prepares students to provide Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy, as a certified Registered Behavior Technician (RBT). Participants will learn about providing care to individuals on the Spectrum and a wide variety of professions within the field of disability services. Graduates of this program will be prepared to sit for the national certification exam, as well as gain entry level work in the ASD field earning \$18 or more / hour.

**Contact:** KG ([kgormley@steppingstonescholars.org](mailto:kgormley@steppingstonescholars.org))

**Location:** TBD

### PYN WorkReady Program

**Serving: Individuals aged 14-23 years old**

**Student Program Dates: July 10 - August 11th**

Heights Philadelphia offers various work-based experiences at providers throughout the city. Some of the community partners who host our summer workers are: Philly AIDS Thrift, Phield House, Dynamite Pest Control, Fresh Grocer, Project HOME, Harriett's Bookshop, ACE Hardware, PA Youth Votes and more! Summer workers under the age of 18 years old will need a work permit to apply!

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**Location:** Community-based



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### Early Career Learner Program

**Serving:** Recent high school graduates, non-college going  
**11th**

**Student Program Dates:** July 10th - August

Our Early Career Learners (ECL) program focuses on helping recent high school graduates transition into postsecondary training and employment opportunities. You'll participate in professional development training, receive career coaching, get assistance with developing a personal career plan, and get help with navigating application processes for your chosen career/training pathway. Our ultimate goal is for you to finish the program with a personalized action plan and clear next steps for your ongoing career development. All participants receive access to ongoing career coaching and professional development for the next 12 months.

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