2024 Summer Opportunities

Below is a list of summer opportunities hosted by Heights Philadelphia

Steppingstone Academy
Serving: Rising 5th-Rising 8th graders
Student Program Dates: July 8th, 2024-August 2nd, 2024

The Steppingstone Academy Summer Program is a time for students to strengthen their academic skills while school is out. By providing rigorous learning opportunities, we develop our scholars’ critical thinking, writing, and reading skills through our math, science, ELA, electives, and advisory courses. It’s also a time to explore the arts, interests, and college exposure, as we encourage our scholars to be curious learners and stretch their academic abilities in our Academy program!

Contact: Deanna Connor (dconnor@heights.org),
Location: Community Partnerships
3033 W Glenwood Ave
Philadelphia, PA, 19121

Middle Grades Summer Bridge
Serving: Current 6th and 7th grade students
Student Program Dates: July 1st, 2024-August 2nd, 2024

Discover our Middle Grades Bridge Summer Program, bridging the transition from middle to high school with academic enrichment and personal growth. Tailored for 6th-7th graders, students explore math, career pathways, and high school prep, including science and math classes. Led by part-time teachers, our program offers field trips, fun events, and stipends for participants. Running alongside the 9th-grade bridge program ensures a smooth transition. Join us for a transformative summer, equipping students with essential skills for success in high school and beyond.

Contact: Robin Eli (reli@heights.org)
Location: George Washington Carver High School
1600 W Norris Sr
Philadelphia, PA, 19122

9th Grade Bridge
Serving: Current 8th graders residing in Philadelphia
Student Program Dates: July 1st, 2024-August 2nd, 2024

9th Grade Summer Bridge is a month-long summer program designed to empower students with academic enrichment and personal growth! Our curriculum includes engaging classes in math, biology, and English Language arts (ELA), providing a comprehensive academic experience. Students will take part in field trips and inspiring college/university tours broadening their summer horizons beyond the classroom. The highlight of the program is our Youth Empowerment Conference, where students gain invaluable insights and tools for personal development. Focused on the transition from the middle school to high school space, with a strong emphasis on high school preparation.

Contact: Teresa Tham (tttham@heights.org)
Location: George Washington Carver High School
1600 W Norris St
Philadelphia, PA, 19122
Summer Institute
Serving: Rising First-Year College Students
Student Program Dates: July 8th, 2024- August 9th, 2024

Introducing our 5-week Summer Institute, tailored for incoming college freshmen to ease their transition into university life. This program aims to facilitate a seamless shift from high school to college, offering participants a glimpse into the college experience before the fall semester begins. Engage in core courses such as Math, English, Science, and College Seminar, specially crafted to introduce college-level reading, writing, and mathematical concepts, equipping you with essential tools for success in your inaugural semester. Join us to embark on your college journey with confidence and readiness.

Contact: Romer Acosta (racosta@heights.org)
Location: Temple University Alter Hall
1801 Liacouras Walk
Philadelphia, PA, 19122

College Admissions Kickstart
Serving: Rising High School Seniors
Student Program Dates: August 6th, 2024- August 9th, 2024

The College Admissions Kickstart is a four-day interactive program that meets from 9:00 am- 4:00 pm. Kickstart is where you will learn how to draft the best college application essay you can. Join us for essay writing workshops, learn from college admissions experts, and attend a college fair! Get a kickstart on your College Application and reserve your spot today! RSVP by 6/15!

Contact: Jonathan Holbert (jholbert@heights.org)
Location: Temple University Fox School of Business
1801 Liacouras Walk
Philadelphia, PA, 19122

Dual Enrollment with SDP Advanced Senior Year Program
Serving: Rising Juniors and Seniors
Student Program Dates: June 24th, 2024-August 9th 2024

The Advanced Senior Year (ASY) Program is designed for qualifying high school seniors to complete their senior year of high school at the Community College of Philadelphia. By the end of senior year, students enrolled in ASY will have the ability to earn their high school diploma as well as up to 27 college credits towards an associate degree with a Liberal Arts focus. This opportunity will give students a jump-start on a college career and provide exposure to more rigorous coursework in preparation for academic success. Summer program 4 days a week, and students will take classes on CCP’s campus during the following school year. The deadline to fill out the Districts Google form is April 30th.

Contact: Amanda Mouser (amouser@heights.org)
Location: Parkway Center City Middle College
540 N 13th St
Philadelphia, PA, 19123

UPenn Wharton Global Youth Program
Serving: Rising Juniors and Seniors
Student Program Dates: Summer I May 28th, 2024-July 3rd, 2024
Summer II July 5th, 2024- August 9th, 2024

The Wharton Pre-baccalaureate Program offers a rigorous academic experience for outstanding high school juniors and seniors. Participants have the chance to take credit-bearing courses covering various aspects of Wharton’s business curriculum. With a combination of interactive live sessions, self-paced coursework, hands-on activities, and access to extensive university resources, students immerse themselves in a top-tier education renowned worldwide for its intellectual prowess and groundbreaking innovations. Summer 1 deadline is March 27th, and Summer 2 deadline is May 1st.

Contact: Annie-Rose Devaney (adevaney@heights.org)
Location: Virtual
Dual Enrollment with Temple (Pre College, Summer Institutes, Summer Academy) No Longer Accepting Applications

Serving: Rising 9th-12th graders

Student Program Dates: Session I July 8th, 2024– July 19th, 2024
Session II July 22nd, 2024– August 8th, 2024

Explore our diverse range of workshops designed to ignite curiosity and foster learning. From delving into the realms of Bioengineering and 3D printing to unleashing creativity in Creative Writing, our lineup encompasses engaging sessions on World Affairs, Intro to Web Design, Building Wealth Investment Challenge, and beyond. With an array of enriching topics to choose from, participants will embark on a journey of discovery, innovation, and personal growth. Join us to delve into new horizons and expand your knowledge in a dynamic and stimulating environment.

Contact: Annie-Rose Devaney (adevaney@heights.org)
Location: Temple University
1801 Liacouras Walk
Philadelphia, PA, 19122

Dual Enrollments with Temple Fox School of Business

Serving: Rising 11th– 12th graders

Student Program Dates: July 1st, 2024-August 8th, 2024

Take HRM 1101: Leadership and Organizational Management with Heights Philadelphia and the Fox School of Business and earn college credit this summer!
Classes will be Tuesday/Thursday 10 AM-12 PM. Lunch and study hall will follow class!
Students will be introduced to the Financial Services and Business Career pathway at Heights! This will be an opportunity to apply knowledge from this class to real-life situations through site visits, networking, and connection to Heights partners. To learn more please sign up for a meeting through this scheduling link.

Contact: Annie-Rose Devaney (adevaney@heights.org)
Location: Temple Campus
Course in Fox School of Business
Advisory in Temple Pre-college Suite

Summer Business and Entrepreneurship Program

Serving: Current 9th–11th graders

Student Program Dates: July 1st, 2024-August 8th, 2024

Embark on a transformative journey with our Introduction to Fundamentals of Business and Entrepreneurship course. Dive into an immersive educational experience where you’ll explore essential concepts such as business planning, professional branding, marketing strategies, and financial literacy. Engage in dynamic experiential learning activities including business site trips, team challenges, competitions, and an entrepreneurial showcase event. Through hands-on experiences and interactive sessions, you’ll develop the skills and knowledge necessary to thrive in the world of business and entrepreneurship.

Contact: Chris Chaplin (cchapline@heights.org)
Location: Temple University Fox School of Business
1801 Liacouras Walk
Philadelphia, PA, 19122
BLI Computer Science Academy  
**Serving:** Current 8th–11th graders  
**Student Program Dates:** July 1st, 2024–August 8th, 2024

Join our Computer Science (Java) program offering introductory and intermediate Java tracks. Led by college Computer Science majors, delve into classes and coding projects aligned with a college-level UPenn curriculum. Immerse yourself in interactive learning experiences and gain insights from college and career panels. Participate in special events including lab tours, enriching your understanding of computer science principles and preparing you for future academic and professional endeavors in the field.

*Contact:* Jeremy Heyman (jheyman@heights.org)  
*Location:* Penn Engineering  
220 South 33rd St.,  
Philadelphia, PA, 19140

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Temple + Heights STEM Research Program  
**No Longer Accepting New Applications**  
**Serving:** Current 9th–11th graders  
**Student Program Dates:** June 24th, 2024–August 1st, 2024

Join our lab research internship and mentorship program tailored for current 9th to 11th graders passionate about engineering and STEM fields. Explore opportunities in diverse engineering labs such as Biomedical, Mechanical, Civil, Environmental, and Electrical/Computer, alongside mentors. Engage in hands-on research projects while enjoying fun trips and events. Whether you’re intrigued by science and math or have specific skills, this program offers a dynamic learning environment to nurture your interests and foster your growth in the STEM field.

*Contact:* Jeremy Heyman (jheyman@heights.org)  
*Location:* Temple Engineering  
1947 N 12th St.,  
Philadelphia, PA, 19122

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ACS Project SEED  
**No Longer Accepting New Applications**  
**Serving:** 10th and 11th graders  
**Student Program Dates:** June 24th, 2024–August 15th, 2024

Explore cutting-edge scientific research in Pharmaceutical Sciences, Environmental Engineering, or Computational Chemistry labs at prestigious institutions including Temple University, St. Joseph's University, Drexel University, or the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Work closely with a lab mentor to delve into real-world projects. Additionally, SEED students can apply for ACS scholarships. This opportunity is open to current 10th to 11th graders (limited space for 12th) who have completed Chemistry, meet income criteria, and are eager to immerse themselves in the world of scientific discovery. Don’t miss your chance to be part of this exciting journey!

*Contact:* Jeremy Heyman (jheyman@heights.org)  
*Location:* Varied
Join a Biomedical Science exploration and enrichment program designed to ignite your passion for science. Led by college science majors and industry professionals, the program offers hands-on labs, engaging science and math lessons, and interactive activities with scientists and college students. Delve into the fascinating world of biomedical science, gaining practical skills and insights while experiencing the thrill of discovery. Whether you’re considering a career in science or simply eager to expand your knowledge, this program promises an enriching and immersive experience.

Contact: Jeremy Heyman (jheyman@heights.org)
Location: TBD

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**Health Pathways WAITLISTING**

Serving: Rising 10th and 11th graders  
Student Program Dates:

Embrace an exciting collaboration with the Penn School of Nursing! Our pilot program welcomes 25 rising 10th and 11th-grade students for a transformative 5-week experience at UPenn. Upon completion, students seamlessly transition into an upper-level Health Equity course during the school year. Dive into experiential learning with site visits and field trips in the healthcare industry, gaining invaluable insights and hands-on experience. Join us in shaping the future of healthcare and exploring the intersection of academia and real-world practice.

Contact: Vinte Clemons (vclemonseheights.org)
Location: UPenn