

APPLICATION KIT

The RUTGERS YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM in DISCRETE MATHEMATICS

July 5 – 30, 2021

"Our Twenty-Ninth Summer"

"We're looking for students who are interested in math. Is that you?"

Please be aware that because of COVID-19 this residential program will happen face-to-face only if it is permitted to happen, and under the conditions set, by the appropriate authorities.

For now we are proceeding under the assumption that the four-week residential program will indeed take place.

However, if the program is not permitted to take place in the form that is described in the following pages, then we will have a virtual version of the first two weeks of the program during the weekday mornings of the four weeks between July 5 and July 30, 2021.

The final decision may not be made until mid-April.

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Do you ...

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- ... *like to work on challenging and puzzling problems*
- ... *like to look at a problem in many different ways*
- ... *get involved, make conjectures, and take risks*
- ... *enjoy the critical exchange of ideas with other students*
- ... *look forward to living in the math world for a month*
- ... *enjoy and feel compelled to do mathematics*
- ... *thrive on complexity and problems which have more than one answer*
- ... *like to reason out problems and play with concepts*
- ... *learn new material quickly and apply this learning to new situations*
- ... *concentrate on something you like for a long period of time*

Then this program is for you. Here is your opportunity to ...

- ... *experiment with some interesting mathematical problems*
- ... *spend four weeks on a college campus doing mathematics with people like yourself*
- ... *meet a variety of professional mathematicians and learn about what they do*

Come to the Rutgers Young Scholars Program ...

- ... *come join 30 high school students who share your fascination with mathematics.*
- ... *attend a variety of mathematical programs and activities in a non-competitive environment.*
- ... *learn about careers in the mathematical sciences; these programs will involve industrial as well as academic mathematicians.*

The instructional staff includes well-known mathematicians. Teaching assistants who are undergraduate Rutgers students majoring in mathematics or computer science provide additional academic support. You will spend a lot of time with this staff; we hope that as a result you will understand what mathematicians do and why.

The focus of the program will be discrete mathematics, although the program will **not** be conducted like a course. Success will be measured in terms of your enthusiasm for the subject, not by the amount of material covered.

Your daily schedule will be full and will include various recreational and social activities.

Remember, this will be an intensive program. We will expect you to participate actively in all of the activities. It will be fun and exciting, but it will require your concentrated effort. You can think of the program as “math camp,” but you must remember that you will be doing math all day, though not in the evening. Be sure that you want to make this commitment!

If the program can only be virtual, then many of these features will be modified or even eliminated.

COMPLETING APPLICATION MATERIALS

A completed application includes all of the following:

1. TYPED OR PRINTED (in black ink) responses to the questions on the Student Application Form (including the essay mentioned in the middle of the Student Application Form);
2. a completed Parent Signature Form;
3. your solutions (partial or complete) to the 2021 Problems to Explore.

*These problems are challenging and most applicants will successfully solve only some of them. So don't get discouraged by what you haven't done ... just show us what you have done, including any partial solutions. Please make sure to **show us all your work** and, wherever appropriate, **explain your reasoning**.*

4. a letter of recommendation from your teacher, who should email the recommendation directly to our office.
5. a copy of your transcript of your high school record, which should be emailed by your counselor.

We recommend that you keep a copy of all of the materials that you submit, in case we don't receive them or in case we need to call you to discuss your responses.

DEADLINE

Applications will be reviewed on a first-come first-served basis until the program is filled. In some years, the program had more applicants than could be accommodated. We therefore encourage you to submit your completed application in February or March or **as soon as possible**.

Partial scholarships are available. **You should not be discouraged from applying because of financial considerations.** Once you are accepted into the program, your parents will be asked if they wish to apply for financial assistance and, if so, will be asked to complete an application form and provide additional materials. Applications for financial assistance must be received by May 3, 2021, so **if you expect that your family will apply for a scholarship, please be sure to submit your completed application, including solutions to the problems, by April 19, 2021.**

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

*Please create a **single pdf file** containing items #1, #2, and #3 above and email it to*

joer@dimacs.rutgers.edu ... with "RYSP Application" in the subject line.
Applications will be acknowledged when they are received.

Ask your teacher to email a recommendation letter to the above email address.

Ask your counselor to email a transcript of your high school record to the above email address.

RUTGERS YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM :: SUMMER 2021 STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

Student Name.....Cell Phone ().....

Student AddressHome Phone ().....

City State.....Zip.....

Date of Birth Class of 2022 2023 2024

Female Male Email Address (print clearly)

High School School phone ().....

City.....State..... Zip

Are you applying for (a) the four-week residential program
(b) the four week virtual program (held only if the residential
program is canceled),
or (c) both programs

Name and email address of Teacher who will provide a letter of recommendation for you:
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Name and email address of Counselor who will provide a transcript for you:
.....

List the math courses you will have completed this year:.....

List the math courses you plan to take next year:.....

If you have previously attended a summer academic program, please name the program[s] and date[s]:
.....

On a separate sheet(s) of paper, write an essay that tells us about (a) your interest in mathematics, (b) a specific math topic that you have found to be particularly exciting, and (c) why you would like to attend this summer program.

How did you learn about the program? (You may check more than one)
 YSP Website Parents/Relatives Teacher Recommended
 Former Program Student/Alumni Guidance Counselor Other (please explain)

List any friends or relatives who have attended the Young Scholars Program:
Name:..... Year.....
Name:..... Year.....

To the student:

Please print your name below and give this form to a parent or guardian to complete. Both parents may complete the form together, if they wish.

STUDENT'S NAME

To The Parent or Guardian

Your daughter/son is applying for admission to the Rutgers Young Scholars Program in Discrete Mathematics, a four-week, summer, residential program for mathematically talented high school students. The program will take place on the Rutgers University Busch Campus in Piscataway on the weekdays between July 5 and July 30, 2021.

The cost of the program will be \$4,200; this will cover tuition, materials, and meals and lodging from Monday morning to Friday afternoon of each week. There are additional charges if weekend accommodations are needed.

If the face-to-face residential program has to be canceled, then there will be four-week virtual on the mornings of the dates indicated above. The cost of the four-week virtual program will be \$1,500.

Partial scholarships are available for students who submit their applications by April 19, 2021. **No student should be discouraged from applying because of financial considerations.** Once your daughter/son is accepted into the program, you may want to apply for financial assistance and, if so, you will be asked to complete an application form and provide additional materials.

Please indicate here any special considerations (medical, physical, emotional, psychological, etc.) we should be aware of in terms of our responsibility to your child's education and general well-being for a month. This information will be kept strictly confidential. (You may use the back side of this page if you need additional space)

Special Considerations: _____

Permission

"My daughter/son has my permission to attend the Rutgers Young Scholars Program for the entire four week program from July 5 to July 30, 2021."

Your Name (please print) Relationship to Student (Father or Mother)

Home Address

City State Zip

Daytime telephone Evening telephone Cell phone

Email Address

Signature of parent or legal guardian.....

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please tell us about the student you are recommending for the Rutgers Young Scholars Program in Discrete Mathematics.

Include information about the student's performance (including cumulative average and PSAT/SAT scores if available).

Tell us about your student's abilities and interests, about the personal characteristics that make her or him most likely to benefit from and enjoy a four-week intensive exposure to a program in the mathematical sciences. Include specific examples drawn from your own experiences with the student.

Please be sure to write your student's full name in your recommendation.

STUDENT NAME: _____

STUDENT'S EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

In view of this student's interest and ability in mathematics, I recommend that s/he be accepted to the Rutgers Young Scholars Program in Discrete Mathematics.

Signature of recommending teacher _____

Name (please print) _____

Email address: _____ Cell phone: _____

School _____ School Phone Number () _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

***Please return this form and a Letter of Recommendation by email to
joer@dimacs.rutgers.edu ... with "RYSP Recommendation" in the subject line.***

***Include a transcript of the student's high school record if possible, or ask the student
counselor to email it directly to joer@dimacs.rutgers.edu.***

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