Ellison Medical Institute

About the Junior Scholars Program

The Ellison Medical Institute (EMI) Junior Scholars program is a unique, three-week summer fellowship for rising high school seniors interested in clinical or research oncology, designed to foster a lifelong passion for scientific education.

EMI selects top students for the prestigious program held each year at our West Los Angeles facility. Through an immersive and rigorous project that spans the length of the program, Junior Scholars will experience hands-on experimentation in a collaborative environment and sharpen their critical thinking skills with support from EMI researchers.

Program Highlights

- Hands-on learning with state-of-the-art laboratory instruments
- Engaging with clinical experts (oncologists, physician assistants, nurses, clinical trials, etc.)
- Learning about the applications of AI in cancer diagnosis, treatment, and outcomes
- Team-based problem-solving
- Required writing component
- Integrating students with STEAM interests from public and private high schools
- Post-fellowship guidance with career choices, college applications, and personal statements



We believe that passion, coupled with outstanding aptitude, are the hallmarks for success.

PROGRAM DATES

June 26 - July 18, 2025

APPLICATION DATES

Dec. 4, 2024 - Mar. 3, 2025

COST

FREE for all students

LOCATION

Ellison Medical Institute 12414 Exposition Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90064

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Junior Scholars are presented with one challenge - how to determine which drug is best suited for their mock patient. Through this process, Junior Scholars will become familiar with one of the most important aspects of medicine that currently confronts clinical and research oncologists. Resolution of this challenge will require integration of science, mathematics, and technology.

The program includes a discussion of the Junior Scholars' project findings with Dr. David Agus, EMI Founding CEO, and culminates in a presentation of their findings.

How to Apply

We welcome applications from all high schools for this free fellowship program. Applicants must be current 11th grade students to be eligible. The application consists of:

- A personal statement that conveys the student's passion for science or medicine and their future goals
- A copy of the student's transcripts
- One letter of recommendation
- Personal video introduction

PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSIONS

Tuesday, Jan. 14 4:30-5:30 p.m. PST Wednesday, Feb. 12 4:30-5:30 p.m. PST

To register for an info session or view a recording, please visit <u>eirf.org/education</u>.



APPLY ONLINE: eirf.org/education

Application Timeline

1.

Dec. 4, 2024

Applications open

2.

Mar. 3, 2025

Application window closes

3.

Late Mar. 2025

2025 cohort announced

4.

June 26, 2025

Program begins