

# Ellison Medical Institute

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## Program Overview:

# Ellison Junior Scholars

Established in 2010, Junior Scholars 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.

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

## Program Highlights

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



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

### PROGRAM DATES

June 25 - July 17, 2026

### APPLICATION DATES

Dec. 15, 2025 - March 9, 2026

### COST

Free for all students

### LOCATION

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## The Program at a Glance

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

The program includes a discussion of the Junior Scholars' project 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 academic letter of recommendation from a teacher or counselor*
- *Personal video introduction*

## Program Information Sessions

**Tuesday, Jan. 13**  
4:30-5:30 p.m. PST

**Wednesday, Feb. 11**  
4:30-5:30 p.m. PST

To register for an info session or view a recording, please visit [eirf.org/education](http://eirf.org/education).

**APPLY NOW**

### Application Timeline

1

**Dec. 15, 2025**

Application window opens

2

**Mar. 9, 2026**

Application window closes

3

**April 2026**

2026 cohort announced

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**June 25, 2026**

Program begins