Live and learn with St. Louis' top high school students at Washington University.

The goal of the Washington University College Prep Program is to prepare talented, first-generation students with limited financial resources for success at the college of their choice.
What is the College Prep Program?
The College Prep Program is an immersive, on-campus learning experience at Washington University in St. Louis. Incoming scholars live on campus for two weeks the summer after freshman year and three weeks after sophomore and junior year. College Prep scholars also attend workshops, lectures, and campus activities throughout the academic school year.

Our Goal: To prepare high-achieving, first-generation students for success at the college of their choice. Graduates of the program leave ready to excel academically and in life.

How do I apply for the program?
Students must first be nominated by someone with knowledge of their character, academic accomplishments, and potential for success. This could be a teacher, counselor, faith, or civic leader.

PLEASE NOTE: After nominations are reviewed, application materials are sent directly to students who are invited to apply.

APPLICATIONS OPEN 11/1/2017
APPLICATIONS DUE 12/15/2017

Is there any cost?
The Washington University College Prep Program is offered at no cost to scholars and their families.

We are looking for students who:
- Are currently enrolled in ninth grade and live in the St. Louis region
- Will be first-generation college students and come from backgrounds of limited financial resources
- Enjoy learning and engaging in global topics
- Can make a three-year commitment

College Prep scholars will:
- Participate in college preparatory activities year round
- Live alongside trained undergraduates and graduate students who will serve as advisers and mentors
- Attend cultural, enrichment, and social events
- Learn about the college application process including college entrance essays, financial aid and literacy

Is the College Prep Program only for students who plan to attend Washington University?
The goal of the Washington University College Prep Program is to prepare scholars for success at a selective college that best matches their interests and needs.

Application to Washington University is not required and admission to Washington University is not guaranteed.