

SKIDMORE

OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (HEOP/AOP) AT SKIDMORE



For more than 40 years, Skidmore College's Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP) has recruited talented and motivated students from New York whose academic and financial circumstances would make them otherwise unable to attend our institution. Skidmore's Academic Opportunity Program (AOP) recruits similar students who reside outside of New York State and/or whose family income slightly exceeds HEOP guidelines. Both programs, HEOP and AOP, are collectively referred to as the Skidmore Opportunity Program (OP).

The Opportunity Program provides:

- Financial assistance
- Academic coaching
- Curriculum guidance
- Mentoring and advising
- A skill- and confidence-building Summer Academic Institute
- A welcoming community space to study and talk with other OP members
- A nurturing and supportive college experience

Opportunity Program stats:

- The 2014–15 OP cohort includes 160 students, first-years through seniors
- OP students make up approximately 6% of the Skidmore student body
- OP graduates—over 500—have entered successful careers in business, education, medicine, and publishing, among others.



Recent Opportunity Program internships, fellowships, and jobs:

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| Ayco | National Institutes of Health |
| InRoads | Fulbright |
| Time Inc. | Name Bubbles |
| State Farm Insurance | Aldi's Food |
| New World Foundation | National Park Service |
| Coin Internships | <i>Teen People</i> Magazine |
| New York City Mayor's Office | Polo Ralph Lauren |
| Congressional Internship | |



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THE SUMMER PROGRAM

The five-week Opportunity Program Summer Academic Institute is a cornerstone of the OP experience. This bridge program strengthens students' academic skills, familiarizes them with the Skidmore environment, and builds the foundation for a successful college experience. A comprehensive program, it fosters individual and group accomplishments, a sense of community, and personal and academic self-confidence.

The Summer Academic Institute offers students:

- An inclusive and supportive academic experience
- The opportunity to earn up to six academic credits
- An introduction to the rigorous Skidmore curriculum
- Academic support and tutoring by faculty and staff
- Early access to campus resources, including the Career Development Center, Student Academic Services, and Student Diversity Programs
- Opportunities to discover Saratoga Springs and a new home away from home
- Opportunities for first-year students to build community

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Recent grad schools attended by Opportunity Program students

Albany College of Pharmacy	Harvard University
American University	Stony Brook University
Ball State University	Thomas Jefferson School of Law
Columbia University	Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College
Florida International University College of Law	University of Chicago
Fordham University	

Recent Opportunity Program study abroad locations

Australia	France	South Africa
Brazil	Ghana	Spain
China	India	Swaziland
Czech Republic	Italy	Switzerland
Denmark	Japan	
England	Mexico	

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