

Program Fees

All dates reflect 2007

Covered Fees

Students must submit all payments to the Summer Institute for the Gifted Stamford, CT office according to the payment plan. Students will be placed on a waiting list for their SIG session if payment is past due.

The cost of the Summer Institute for the Gifted three-week residential program for 2007 is \$4,495 (for UC Berkeley and UCLA). This amount includes fees for the academic program, laboratory fees and all course material fees. All room and board charges are included in addition to recreational program costs, evening entertainment, Saturday Get-Away trips and other student activities. A \$150 non-refundable application fee is due with the application.

Non-Covered Expenses

The program fees do not include the following: the cost of transportation to and from the SIG campus; individual laundry expenses; personal spending money, the cost of books for selected courses and the \$35 NSGT membership fee. Books will be available for purchase on the day of registration.

Payment Schedule

The payment schedule is as follows:

| <u>Payment</u> | <u>Due Date</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Application Fee | Submit with Application | \$150 (non-refundable) |
| 2. Second Payment | Upon Acceptance | \$2,000 |
| 3. Final Payment | One Month Prior to Program | \$1,645 |
| Total | N/A | \$3,795 |
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SIG accepts checks and all major credit cards.

All payments should be made out to Summer Institute for the Gifted (SIG) and sent to the Stamford, CT office according to the payment plan listed above. Students will be placed on a waiting list for their SIG session if payment is past due.

Students applying after May 1 will be considered 'late applicants'. As a result, payment schedules may not apply.

Late applicants will be placed on a waiting list for their SIG session until payment is made in full.



Program Fee Discounts

Savings on the SIG Program Fee

| | SIG-Residential |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Returning SIG student | \$150 |
| Sibling of an enrolled SIG student | \$150 |
| Sign up for a second SIG session | \$150 |

Refund Policy

Prior to the Start of SIG

Because SIG must hire staff and confirm space at its host institutions long before the start of the summer sessions, we are unable to make program refunds to students who cancel after May 15th.

Medical Withdrawal

We encourage parents to take out the Optional Insurance Protection Plan that provides some tuition relief in the event of a medical withdrawal both prior to and during the SIG program. It also provides medical coverage in such an event. Only available to SIG residential students.

Refunds due to medical reasons for day students will be considered on a case-by-case basis. These must be submitted in writing and include a signed doctor's note.

Under no circumstances, medical or otherwise, will SIG refund the \$150 application fee due at the time the application is submitted.

Financial Assistance

Limited assistance is available to families of SIG applicants on a strictly need basis. Availability of funds varies by campus and will depend on the pool of applications received this year. These monetary gifts are available to help bridge the cost gap and are in no way intended to cover the entire or majority of the cost of attendance for SIG. If you are interested in applying for assistance, please download the Financial Assistance Form.

In order to be considered, all of the following documents must be submitted no later than TBD.

1. Signed and completed Financial Assistance Application
2. A copy of your most recent federal tax return (2006 or 2007) and W-2 forms
3. Any other financial documentation that you feel is pertinent to your application
4. If not already submitted, your 2007 SIG application and \$150 non-refundable application fee.

Admissions

Admission to the 2007 Summer Institute for the Gifted is on a rolling, first-come, first-served basis according to the postmark date on the application form envelope or the date the online application is received.

Only a limited number of students can be accepted into each session. Therefore, we urge you to submit your application materials early. Applicants are encouraged to submit their materials prior to the Open House programs in order to reserve a place in the session of their choice. Please note that all Summer Institute for the Gifted programs require that evidence of high academic ability and/or achievement be submitted with the application.

When to Apply

The application deadline is May 1, 2007. For international students, the application deadline is April 1, 2007.

Applications are accepted after the deadline if space is still available. However, these are termed "late applicants," and as a result, course availability, payment schedules and deadlines for receipt of acceptance materials will differ.

How to Apply

Applying is easy! Complete the SIG Online Application or download the SIG Application as a PDF. Applications must include the \$150 non-

refundable application fee (check* or credit card payment) for further consideration.

*checks are only accepted via mail.

SIG Eligibility Requirements

All Summer Institute for the Gifted programs require evidence of high academic ability and/or achievement. Documentation must be submitted with the application form.

Students who meet one of the following criteria are invited to apply to SIG programs:

- * Participants in Academic Talent Search Programs: evidence of participation should be submitted with the SIG application.

- * Students who have scored at the 95th percentile or above in at least one of the major content areas or ability sections of a nationally-normed standardized test or at the highest performance level on a state test administered by their schools: copies of test scores should be submitted with the SIG application. [Click here](#) for a list of accepted national and state tests.

- * Students who have scored in the gifted range on the PSAT, SAT, ACT, or SSATB. For students taking the SAT, the code number for reporting scores to the Summer Institute for the Gifted is 0375.

* Students who have been identified as gifted and/or who have participated successfully in a local or school gifted program: evidence of participation should be submitted with the SIG application.

* If no local or school gifted program exists, or if no test scores are available, two letters of recommendation can be submitted. For students in grades K-3, one letter may come from a parent; one letter should be from the school. For students in grades 4-11, a letter from a teacher and a letter from a school administrator who is familiar with the student's record and performance may be submitted. Letter of Recommendation forms are available online at www.giftedstudy.com.

Other qualified gifted students who are currently in kindergarten but have not yet begun 12th grade as of the summer 2007, please contact our office to discuss appropriate evidence of giftedness if none of the above-mentioned documentation is available.

Optional Insurance

Give yourself and your SIG student peace of mind and the reassurance you need by purchasing SIG's World Class Coverage Plan for \$75. This newly upgraded Plan provides an assortment of benefits including: personal effects coverage, which includes cameras and electronic equipment; excess medical for payment of deductibles or out-of-network costs; medical evacuation/repatriation in the event of an emergency; and session cancellation coverage if you should need to withdraw due to a medical reason. This plan is only available to SIG residential students.

For our international students we are pleased to introduce CareMed, a comprehensive travel and medical protection plan. This plan provides

international students with unlimited Travel Health Insurance in case of accident or illness. Included in this plan are these additional benefits: Travel Accident Insurance, Travel Assistance, Travel Luggage and Travel Third Party Liability coverage. It is available for \$100.

If you are interested in selecting either of these plans, simply check the appropriate box on the SIG application and include payment at the time of application. A World Class Coverage or CareMed policy document will be included in your acceptance materials. Payments received for insurance coverage are fully refundable in the event the student is not accepted into SIG.

SIG Agreement and Release

Students and a parent/guardian are asked to sign the application agreeing that this will comprise the agreement between SIG/AIFS and its students and their parents.

1. I, and my parents the undersigned, an applicant for the Summer Institute for the Gifted, a program of the American Institute For Foreign Study, Inc. ("SIG/AIFS"), acknowledge that I have read and accept the terms and conditions set forth in the Summer Institute for the Gifted catalog, which are incorporated in this agreement. This agreement is a legally binding contract.

2. I unconditionally release SIG/AIFS from any claims for damage, injury, loss, or expense of any nature resulting from events beyond its control, including without limitation acts of God, war, strikes, crime, terrorism,

sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations. This release also applies to any losses arising from the use of any vehicle or from the selection of, or from any act or omission by, any bus or car rental agency, steamship, airline, railroad, taxi or tour service, hotel service, hotel restaurant, school, university or other firm, agency, company or individual, unless the loss is caused by the gross negligence of SIG/AIFS.

3. I understand that I am responsible for exercising caution and common sense at all times to avoid injuries, and that SIG/AIFS cannot provide supervision or support during periods of independent travel.

4. I agree that if I become ill or incapacitated, SIG/AIFS may take such actions as it considers necessary under the circumstances, including securing medical treatment for me. I release SIG/AIFS from any liability relating to this medical care. I also authorize SIG/AIFS to take whatever action it deems to be necessary and in my best interest in the event of political unrest or any other unforeseen event or condition. If SIG/AIFS incurs any expense on my behalf that is not covered by insurance, I (and my parents) agree to make immediate repayment upon my return home.

5. I will comply with SIG/AIFS's rules, standards and instructions, and understand that failure to do so may result in being sent home at my (or my parents') expense, with no refund. I understand that my participation may be terminated if I am expelled from SIG or otherwise disciplined by SIG or civil authorities, or if SIG/AIFS, in its sole discretion, determines that my conduct is unacceptable and incompatible with the interests, harmony, comfort or welfare of other students. I (and my parents) agree to indemnify SIG/AIFS if I do anything that causes SIG/AIFS to sustain financial loss or liability.

6. Except for change of campus, I understand that SIG/AIFS reserves the right to make changes, cancellations, or substitutions in cases of emergency or changed conditions, or based upon the interest of the group. I understand that, if I leave the program, I will receive refunds on a prorated basis of the unused room and board fees if the host institution

refunds these unused fees to the Summer Institute for the Gifted. The program fee portion of the total SIG cost is nonrefundable. If a serious illness prevents the student from attending or completing the session, refunds will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Requests must be made in writing and include a valid doctor's note. Requests must be made within 30 days of withdrawing from the program.

7. If I am not a citizen of the United States, I understand and accept that it is my responsibility to obtain all visas and required documents as a result of my not being a United States citizen in order to enter all the countries on my itinerary and participate in the SIG/AIFS program. Further, (whether I am a U.S. citizen or not) I shall hold SIG/AIFS harmless in the event I cannot obtain the necessary documents for participation in the program.

8. This agreement will be effective when my application is accepted by SIG/AIFS and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Connecticut, without regard to Connecticut conflict of law rules.

9. This agreement cannot be modified except in writing by SIG/AIFS.

10. I agree that any dispute with SIG/AIFS that is not settled informally will be submitted to binding arbitration, to be conducted in substantial accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association. The location of the arbitration and identity of the arbitrator will be decided by mutual agreement, with the costs to be shared equally between the parties, and the decision of the arbitrator shall be final. By signing this agreement, I understand that I am giving up my right to have any claim against SIG/AIFS decided in Court before a judge or jury.

11. References in this agreement to "SIG/AIFS" shall include the American Institute For Foreign Study, Inc., and all of its agents, employees, affiliated companies, campus directors, deans, chaperones, group leaders, teachers, host school and school officials. All references to "parents" of the applicant shall include the legal guardian or other adult who is responsible for the applicant.