

Philosophy in an Inclusive Key Summer Institutes (PIKSI)

PIKSI summer institutes are designed to encourage undergraduates from underrepresented groups to consider future study of philosophy. The two PIKSI programs are affiliated with one another but operate autonomously. They are funded in large part by grants from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the American Philosophical Association. Visit <http://piksi.org> for more information.

PIKSI-Rock

Location: Rock Ethics Institute at Penn State University, State College, PA

About the Institute: PIKSI-Rock chooses a theme each year (e.g., "Philosophy & Social Justice") and includes professional development sessions.

PIKSI-Boston

Location: Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

About the Institute: PIKSI-Boston includes sessions covering topics in different philosophical areas and traditions (selection changes each year), as well as several professional development sessions.

Application and Eligibility

PIKSI programs use a shared application process. Undergraduates and recent graduates from underrepresented groups such as people of color, women, LGBT+ people, economically disadvantaged communities, and people with disabilities are urged to apply.

Testimonials from PIKSI Participants

"Attending PIKSI was the defining experience of my undergraduate career in philosophy."

"Before PIKSI, I wasn't sure if studying philosophy in grad school could make a livable life for me—whether it would be a healthy work environment, whether I would have peers, whether there would be a place for me or my work. At PIKSI I found not just that place for me and my work, but a peer group who wrestled with the same difficulties and questions, a peer group with whom I knew I could struggle together."

"Attending PIKSI reaffirmed to me that my interests in philosophy are valuable."

Come from an underrepresented group? Love philosophy?
Wondering what graduate school will be like?

Undergraduate diversity institutes in philosophy encourage and support undergraduates from underrepresented groups and prepare them for graduate study in philosophy. Institutes are held in the summer and last one to two weeks. The institutes are free to attend, and provide transportation, lodging, meals, and stipends. Each institute normally accepts 10-20 students per year. Applications are accepted in the spring. See the institute websites for more details.



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