Undergraduate Diversity Institutes in Philosophy

Rutgers Summer Institute for Diversity in Philosophy

The longest-running diversity institute, the Rutgers Summer Institute for Diversity in Philosophy introduces students to various areas of specialization in philosophy, gives a better idea of philosophy graduate studies, and explores what it means to be a professional philosopher. It features lectures by philosophy faculty from Rutgers and other schools. Visit http://www.philosophy.rutgers.edu/summer-institute for more information.

Location: Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

About the Institute: The seven-day program gives students the opportunity to interact in formal and informal settings with a group of talented graduate students and distinguished faculty members from a number of universities.

Application and Eligibility: Open to fulltime students from diverse backgrounds at US colleges and universities. Sophomores and juniors receive preference. Participants must be in good academic standing and interested in philosophy as a career.

Testimonials from Rutgers Participants

"If I didn't attend the institute, I don't think I would have ever thought to attend graduate school. It gave me the confidence and showed me that there are people like me who do philosophy and are successful."

"Attending the Summer Institute for Diversity in Philosophy made me conscious of efforts to broaden the scope of philosophy's concerns. At the same time, connecting with professional philosophers who want to encourage underrepresented students to pursue philosophy made me feel as though there is room in the discipline for non-traditional students like myself."

"Attending the Rutgers institute was a formative experience for me. It confirmed to me that an approach to philosophy where inclusion of different perspectives and persons was the norm rather than the exception is possible."

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.

