Undergraduate Diversity Institutes in Philosophy

UC San Diego Summer Program for Women in Philosophy (SPWP)

The UC San Diego Summer Program for Women in Philosophy is designed to provide an engaging philosophical learning experience and to offer helpful preparation for applying to and succeeding at graduate school in philosophy and beyond. Visit http://spwp.ucsd.edu for more information.

Location: University of California San Diego, San Diego, CA

About the Institute: The two-week program features intensive seminar courses taught by visiting faculty and workshops taught by visiting and UC San Diego faculty and graduate students.

Application and Eligibility: US and Canadian women enrolled in a four-year college or university are urged to apply. Juniors receive preference, and sophomores are also eligible. Special consideration is given to applicants from schools with limited resources as well as those who face hardships (e.g., financial, cultural) in their pursuit of higher education.

Testimonials from SPWP Participants

"I feel that I learned things about the admissions process that helped me get accepted to my program. I am not certain that I would have been accepted to grad school without the UCSD SPWP."

"I really enjoyed how the program managed to bring in such diversity of experiences among undergraduates in the program. I met many people with very different philosophical experiences than mine, and we were able to share about what our philosophy programs were like back at our colleges, discuss areas of philosophy not familiar to some of us, etc."

"I had a wonderful experience with an amazing group of people, and I think anyone who is frustrated with the typical philosophic canon or wants to see how philosophy can be useful in activism should attend."

"SPWP really allowed me to make connections with other women interested in and passionate about philosophy. It was inspiring to see other people doing what you want to do."

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.

