

LUMIERE ALUMNI

# CLASS OF 2026 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE STATISTICS

In the 2021-2022 admissions cycle, Lumiere alumni were accepted to undergraduate degrees at every single Ivy League university, Stanford, UC Berkeley, Oxford and Cambridge. This includes



6

PRINCETON  
acceptances



6

PENN  
acceptances



4

STANFORD  
acceptances



4

CAMBRIDGE  
acceptances



23

UC BERKELEY  
acceptances

To understand this better, we sent out a survey to more than 150 alumni that applied to universities this year. The responses show that 9.8% of Lumiere alumni who applied to an Ivy League university or Stanford got in – that is **115%** higher than the general rate of acceptance at these universities!

This is how students who applied to university this year positioned their Lumiere project in their college application process:

- **85%** ——— mentioned it in the “Activities” section of their application
- **52%** ——— wrote about it in either a main or supplemental essay
- **40%** ——— of them included either a recommendation letter or an evaluation form from their mentor

This comes with a commitment to diversity and financial inclusion.



Lumiere alumni who applied to universities this year represent citizens of **21 different countries**



Students that did the Lumiere Research Scholar Program through the help of our **financial aid program** got into Princeton, Dartmouth and the University of Pennsylvania (with significant financial aid offers).



Lumiere alumni received scholarships worth more than an estimated **1 million USD** such as the Trustee Scholarship at the University of Southern California (full ride), full scholarships to the University of Toronto, the Zollman Scholarship at Smith College (college's highest scholarship) and the Presidential Scholarship at Bryn Mawr College.

## HEAR FROM THE ALUMNI!



### LILY ASHRAF

- **Research topic**

How can the standard model of particle physics be consistently extended to include additional light-matter fields, and how might such fields explain dark matter?

- **Universities accepted to:** Princeton University

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Lumiere truly helped me a lot! The admissions office at Princeton called my mentor and asked him questions about me. Because the university values research a lot, I got in! Thank you so much because with this program and this chance I would never ever be able to attend and get a full ride.



## RIYA MAIYA

- **Research topic**

What were the initial conditions of the universe that permitted the growth of the structures we see today?

- **Universities accepted to:** University of Pennsylvania



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I touched on my experience at Lumiere when explaining my previous background with the subject I was applying for, to show demonstrated interest. I also used the recommendation letter to apply to all the universities. I also used the knowledge I learned through my Lumiere experience in my interview, as well as to mention specific aspects about research at the universities I applied to as being points of interest (which I know because I had already touched on them in the Lumiere research paper writing process.)

I was accepted ED into Penn, and I'm so so happy about it (it was my top choice), and I couldn't have gotten here without your help. The Lumiere Team really helped me narrow down exactly what I was interested in, learn more about it, and gave me a great experience to showcase to universities.



## THÉO ABRAMO

- **Research topic**

The impact of USA's and China's AI advancement on the European market, and its role in reshaping global power dynamics

- **Universities accepted to:** University of California at Berkeley, McGill University, University of British Columbia, University of California San Diego, University of Warwick, University of Exeter





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Alongside the guidance of my mentor, an MIT Political Science Ph.D. candidate, I published a paper exploring the US-China-EU tripartite relationship in the realms of artificial intelligence. Thanks to Lumiere’s incredibly flexible program, I was able to have weekly meetings with my mentor and take part in other Lumiere workshops while still balancing my other engagements in school. Finally, the guidance and continuous support I received from my mentor, both with my research paper and also university applications, was simply incredible. In addition to the knowledge and wisdom shared in the meetings, she has left a meaningful impact on my student journey. Lumiere has made navigating the complex world of academia an amazing experience and would recommend it to any motivated student.



MOUNT HOLYOKE

## KEQI ZHANG

### •Research topic

How do youth-produced self-published media contribute to the spread of misinformation?

•Universities accepted to: Mount Holyoke College, Ohio State University, Pennsylvania State Univ. Main Campus, Northeastern University, Fordham University, University of Wisconsin at Madison, Kenyon College, Boston University, Brandeis University, Syracuse University

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I think that the Lumiere Research program really helped me to stand out in my college application. My major is communication and I did research about misinformation which is a great match for Boston University’s Media Science Major. I also wrote about my Lumiere experience, what I had learned, and my passion for research in my supplemental essays! Thank you so much for providing such a good opportunity for high school students to experience how research works and learn both research methods and writing skills!!



## ANUSHA MADAPURA

- **Research topic**

Perspectives on modularity and shared resources in linguistic and musical syntax processing: A review

- **Universities accepted to:** University of Southern California (with a full-ride Trustee Scholarship), Carnegie Mellon University, University of Wisconsin Madison, Case Western Reserve University, University of Michigan Ann Arbor, University of North Texas

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Conducting interdisciplinary research in the Lumiere program helped me make my personal case in my essays (especially my CommonApp essay), where I talked about my desire to combine my interests in biology and music in college. I referred to writing the research paper as a way I had pushed myself in high school and also sent the paper to all the colleges I applied to. I also emphasized the special relationship I had built with my mentor and anticipated the relationships I would build with professors in college while doing research. Furthermore, my mentor helped me tremendously by writing a recommendation letter for me. Overall, Lumiere gave me an opportunity to pursue something really unique the summer before applying to colleges both research methods and writing skills!!



# 2021-22 APPLICATION CYCLE FULL LIST OF LUMIERE ALUMNI ACCEPTANCES

Institution	# Lumiere alumni accepted	Institution	# Lumiere alumni accepted	Institution	# Lumiere alumni accepted
Amherst College	1	Chapman University	1	Emory University	9
Arizona State University Main campus	6	Claremont McKenna College	2	Erasmus University Rotterdam	1
Barnard College	3	Clark University	1	Fordham University	7
Baylor University	2	Clemson University	1	Franklin College	1
Bentley College	1	Colgate University	1	George Washington University	9
Boston College	1	College of William and Mary	3	Georgetown University	5
Boston University	17	College of Wooster	2	Georgia Institute of Technology	9
Brandeis University	4	Colorado College	1	Georgia State University	2
Brown University	5	Columbia College	1	Grinnell College	3
Bryn Mawr College	1	Cornell University	2	Hamilton College	3
California Institute of Technology	1	D'Youville College	1	Harvard University	1
California Polytechnic-San Luis	3	Dartmouth College	2	Illinois Institute of Technology	2
Cardiff University	1	Davidson College	1	Imperial College London	6
Carleton College	1	Denison University	3	Indiana University at Bloomington	9
Carleton University	1	Drew University	1	Johns Hopkins University	3
Carnegie Mellon University	10	Duke University	5	Kenyon College	3
Case Western Reserve University	12	Durham University	4	King College	1



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King's College London	3	Ohio State University	4	Scripps College	2
Lafayette College	1	Ohio University	1	Seton Hall University	1
Leiden University	1	Pace University	1	Siena College	1
Loughborough University	1	Pennsylvania State Univ. Main Campus	17	Simmons College	1
Macalester College	1	Pepperdine University	1	Skidmore College	2
McGill University	4	Princeton University	6	Smith College	2
McMaster University	4	Purdue University	22	St. John's College	1
Merrimack College	1	Queen Mary University of London	1	Stanford University	4
Michigan State University	8	Queens College	1	Stockton College of New Jersey	1
Mount Holyoke College	4	Reed College	5	SUNY at Binghamton	2
Muhlenberg College	1	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	1	SUNY at Buffalo	2
New York University	14	Rice University	5	Syracuse University	6
North Carolina State University at Raleigh	1	Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland	1	Texas A&M Univ. at College Station	5
Northeastern University	18	Rutgers at New Brunswick	4	Trinity College CT	1
Northwestern College	1	Rutgers State University at Newark	2	Trinity College Dublin	1
Northwestern University	2	Saint Louis University	1	Trinity University	2
Oberlin College	1	San Diego State University	1	Tufts University	4
Occidental College	3	Santa Clara University	7	Tulane University	1
				Union College NY	2
				University College London	10



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University of Alberta	1	University of Connecticut at Storrs	1	University of Massachusetts at Amherst	31
University of Amsterdam	1	University of Delaware	1	University of Michigan at Ann Arbor	12
University of Bath	1	University of Denver	2	University of Minnesota Twin Cities	3
University of Birmingham	3	University of Edinburgh	2	University of Newcastle	1
University of Bristol	3	University of Essex	1	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	4
University of British Columbia	7	University of Exeter	1	University of North Texas	1
University of California at Berkeley	23	University of Florida	2	University of Notre Dame	3
University of California at Irvine	12	University of Georgia	3	University of Nottingham	2
University of California, Davis	13	University of Glasgow	1	University of Oxford	1
University of California, Los Angeles	9	University of Groningen	1	University of Pennsylvania	6
University of California, San Diego	11	University of Illinois - Urbana	28	University of Pittsburgh-Main Campus	5
University of California, Santa Barbara	5	University of Illinois at Chicago	1	University of Richmond	2
University of California, Santa Cruz	1	University of Kansas	1	University of Rochester	4
University of Cambridge	4	University of Leeds	7	University of San Diego	1
University of Chicago	5	University of Manchester	9	University of San Francisco	1
		University of Maryland at College Park			





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University of Sheffield	1	Virginia Tech	4
University of Southern California	17	Wake Forest University	2
University of St Andrews	4	Wartburg College	1
University of Texas at Austin	7	Washington University	3
University of Toronto	24	Washington University in St Louis	1
University of Utah	1	Wayne State College	1
University of Vermont	1	Wellesley College	2
University of Virginia	4	Wesleyan University	6
University of Warwick	7	Whitman College	2
University of Washington	17	Whittier College	1
University of Waterloo	8	Williams College	1
University of Wisconsin at Madison	20	Worcester Polytechnic Institute	2
University of York	1	Yale University	1
Vanderbilt University	2	York University	3
Vassar College	2		
Villanova University	1		
Virginia Commonwealth University	1		





Founded by Harvard & Oxford researchers, the Lumiere Research Scholar Program is a selective research program for talented students. In the program, students work 1-1 with a researcher from a top university to produce an independent research project.

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