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A key aspect of the college application process lies in figuring out how to stand out among your peers. One of the ways you can distinguish yourself from the competition is through participating – and *excelling* – in prestigious summer programs. Summer programs – often offered by big name institutions and universities – can be a strategic way to spend your time off from school, as they can provide you with valuable opportunities to engage in the field of your interest with greater focus and gain hands-on experience.

A well-known summer program is the Stanford Summer Session in Humanities. It was created to expose top humanities students to the humanities opportunities, resources, and faculty available to them at Stanford. According to Aidan Dunn, a Former Admissions Officer from Stanford, "Students who are considering pursuing a humanities degree at Stanford should consider the Stanford Summer Session in Humanities. Participating in this program would be a great boost for a humanities applicant." So when considering where to apply, think ahead to which programs would benefit you in the long run.

Your schedule might get hectic as the fall semester reaches its peak around this time of the year, so it is easy to lose track of summer programs with deadlines right around the corner. Many top summer programs offer early or priority deadlines, which can help demonstrate your interest or might allow you to apply for a limited number of scholarship positions. To make sure that you don't miss out on these key dates, check out our table below to take note of top programs which have upcoming deadlines in the months of November, December, and January.

Aspirnaut High School Summer Research Internship
January 8, 2020

AwesomeMath
Early Application - January 2020 (exact date announced mid-November)

Barnard Summer in the City Pre-College Program
Priority Deadline - January 20, 2020

Boston University School of Music Summer Institute (Tanglewood)
January 21, 2020

Columbia University Summer Programs
Priority Deadline: January 23, 2020
Early Application Deadline: March 1, 2020

Launch X (previously MIT Launch X)
December 15, 2019

Leadership Enterprise for Diverse America Summer Institute
December 11, 2019

Maine Space Grant Consortium - Research Internships for Teachers and Students (MERITS)
January 15, 2020

Math League
January 31, 2020

Mathematical Olympiad Summer Program
December 2, 2019

MIT Research Science Institute
January 15, 2020

MIT Women's Technology Program
January 15, 2020

New York University Tisch Summer Program
January 8, 2020

Rockefeller University Summer Biomedical Research Program
December 12, 2019

Regeneron Science Talent Search
November 13, 2019

Simons Summer Research Program
January 22, 2020

Stanford University Summer Session
Early Deadline - December 2, 2019
Priority Deadline - January 13, 2020

Telluride Foundation Summer Program
January 22, 2020

UChicago Summer Sessions
(Immersion, Pathways, Research in the Biological Sciences, Stones and Bones, Summer College)
Priority Deadline - February 2, 2020

Washington University in St. Louis Scholars Program
December 23, 2019

Wharton Leadership in the Business World
Priority Deadline: January 22, 2020

Yale Young Global Scholars
Early Action - November 12, 2019
Regular Deadline - February 6, 2020

While you should definitely focus on schoolwork, don't forget to keep an eye out for early application deadlines when it comes to the summer programs of your choice. Participating in courses or competitions run by prestigious institutions can go a long way when it comes to helping you stand out among your peers when you eventually apply to college. Give yourself plenty of time and shoot for the program that suits your interests and goals the best. Good luck!