

# Summer Institutes Middle School Program 2007 Education Program for Gifted Youth Stanford University



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## Summer Institutes Middle School Program Application Packet (students resident in Hong Kong)

### This packet contains the following:

1. Important information for EPGY Summer Institutes Middle School Program (MSP) Applicants
2. EPGY Summer Institutes MSP Description
3. EPGY Summer Institutes MSP Application Form
4. Teacher Recommendation Form
5. Guidelines for submitting samples of student work

If you have not already done so, please fill out your email address below so that we can maintain proper communication with you:

**email:**

### A complete application consists of the following:

1. Application Form. Parts 1- 5 . Please write legibly in dark ink or type the information you enter on the Application Form. Please put the parts of the application in order before mailing them.
2. Payment of the non-refundable HK\$350 application fee by cheque made payable to InfoKids.
3. Copies of standardized test results; any standardized test score is acceptable. Please see the EPGY web site for examples of acceptable standardized tests: go to <http://www.infokids.com.hk/summer2007/department/admissions.html> and click on the "Materials" link.
4. A copy of your school transcript (*unofficial transcripts are acceptable*).
5. Teacher Recommendation Form (mailed or faxed by your teacher). Please have this form sent from a teacher who is qualified to comment on your performance and ability in the Summer Institute MSP subject area(s) to which you are applying. You may submit more than one recommendation form if you are applying to multiple subject areas. Please make sure you write your name and student number on this form.

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Hong Kong Attn: EPGY Summer Institutes 07;  
Fax: 2504 2669 Email: [epgy@infokids.com.hk](mailto:epgy@infokids.com.hk) Phone: 2504 2228

# **EPGY Summer Institutes MSP 2007**

## **Important Information for EPGY Summer Institutes MSP Applicants**

- The EPGY Summer Institutes Middle School Program is offered in three sessions:
  - ❖ Session 1: June 24- July 6
  - ❖ Session 2: July 9- July 21
  - ❖ Session 3: July 24- August 4
- Tuition for the EPGY Summer Institutes Middle School Program Sessions 1 and 2 is US\$2850 and the tuition for Session 3 is US\$2700. Session 3 includes instruction on Saturday July 28<sup>th</sup> and thus this session will have one less recreational weekend day than Sessions 1 and 2. For this reason, tuition is reduced for Session 3. This cost covers room and board in university housing, course materials, field trips and transportation to and from the San Francisco Airport.
- Students may attend multiple sessions but may only take one course per session.
- Please note that students attending two sessions will have continued housing and dining in the interim.
- The following courses are offered in the EPGY Summer Institutes Middle School Program:
  - ❖ Computer Programming
  - ❖ Creative Writing
  - ❖ Expository Writing
  - ❖ Mathematics
  - ❖ Physical Science
- Admission to the EPGY Summer Institutes is based on review of the materials submitted as part of this application packet. Applications are reviewed according to the subject areas to which you are applying. Please submit materials that show your academic ability and level of interest in those subject areas.

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## EPGY Summer Institutes 2007

### Middle School Program

### Description

The EPGY Summer Institutes Middle School Program (MSP) consists of three two-week residential summer programs on the Stanford University campus. The Summer Institutes MSP is designed for highly-motivated students seeking academic enrichment and the opportunity to share this experience with others who have similar interests and abilities. The Middle School Program is the segment of the EPGY Summer Institutes that includes courses for students currently in 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

Students in the Summer Institutes MSP come mainly from California; however, students from across the U.S. and around the world will also attend. Students leave with a sense of academic accomplishment, new friends, and fond memories of a wonderful time spent at Stanford University.

Students in the EPGY Summer Institutes Middle School Program live in supervised Stanford housing. Approximately 40 students and 8 residential counselors will occupy each residence, with boys and girls in separate residences.

Summer Institutes MSP participants are taught by Stanford instructors. Students engage in intensive study in a single subject and are introduced to topics not typically presented at the middle-school level. Summer Institutes MSP courses include mathematics, physical science, creative writing, expository writing, and computer programming. The instructors are assisted by undergraduate and graduate student mentors who have expertise in the course subject areas. These mentors serve a dual role of Residential Counselor and Teaching Assistant so that the academic and social aspects of the program are tightly integrated. Summer Institutes MSP courses may be supplemented with guest lectures and special projects involving Stanford faculty.

The daily schedule for Summer Institutes MSP students is a busy one. Mornings and early afternoons include instructional periods that are a combination of class time, small group discussion sessions, labs, individual study and one-on-one conferences. In the late afternoon, students choose from a wide selection of activities, ranging from sports and games to art and music. All activities are supervised by the residential staff. Each session includes one off-campus excursion to local points of cultural, historic, recreational and/or scenic interest in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Enrollment in all sessions is limited. Students are selected based on grades, performance on standardized exams, teacher recommendations, work samples, and reasons for wanting to come to the Summer Institutes Middle School Program. Application deadlines and more information about the program are available on the EPGY Summer Institutes Middle School Program web site (<https://infokids.com.hk/summer2007/department/middleschoolprogram.html>).

Name: _____ Applicant/Student Number: _____
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**EPGY Summer Institutes 2007 Application Form Part 1**  
**Personal Information (Page 1 of 2)**

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**Last name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **First name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred First name (if other than listed): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Gender:**  male  female

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**Current Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**First language** (if other than English): \_\_\_\_\_

**Language(s) spoken at home:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**School Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of School:**  Public  Private  
If private, check one:  home-based  independent  religious

**School Address:**  
Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list all of other schools and summer programs you have attended, beginning with 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Name of School/Program	Location	Dates attended	Reason for leaving

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant/Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## EPGY Summer Institutes 2007 Application Form Part 1 Personal Information (Page 2 of 2)

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### Test Scores

Please include original or photocopy of standardized test score results. A list of common standardized tests is available on our web site at:

<http://www.infokids.com.hk/summer2007/department/admissions.html> and click on the "Materials" link.

Please indicate below the test(s) that you are submitting:

Name of Test	Date Taken	Score

The standardized test requirement may be waived for International students. If you are an International student you may check the box below:

I am an International student AND I have not taken any of the standardized tests listed on <http://www.infokids.com.hk/summer2007/department/admissions.html> and click on the "Materials" link , nor have I taken any similar tests.

### Teacher Recommendation Form:

At least one teacher recommendation form is required in order for your application to be complete. Please list below at least one teacher who will be providing a recommendation for your application.

Teacher Name	Teacher Phone/ E-mail

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant/Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## EPGY Summer Institutes Middle School Program 2007 Application Form Part 2

### Session Preferences

*This form is for you to indicate your session preferences. The information you provide on this form will be used in place of the information you entered in the on-line preliminary application form.*

Mark the check boxes below according to whether the session is your first (1<sup>st</sup>), second (2<sup>nd</sup>), or third (3<sup>rd</sup>) choice. You can mark more than one first choice or more than one second choice in case you have equal preference for two or more sessions. *If you are unable to attend a session, do not mark any of the boxes next to that session.*

1<sup>st</sup>  2<sup>nd</sup>  3<sup>rd</sup> Session 1  
 1<sup>st</sup>  2<sup>nd</sup>  3<sup>rd</sup> Session 2  
 1<sup>st</sup>  2<sup>nd</sup>  3<sup>rd</sup> Session 3

I would like to attend two consecutive sessions. *Note that admission to a course in one session does not guarantee admission into a course in another session.*

### Course Preferences

*This form is for you to indicate your course preferences. The information you provide on this form will be used in place of the information you entered in the on-line preliminary application form.*

Mark the check boxes below according to whether the course is your first (1<sup>st</sup>), second (2<sup>nd</sup>), or third (3<sup>rd</sup>) choice. You can mark more than one first choice, more than one second choice, and more than one third choice, in case you have equal preference for more than one course. Do not check any courses that you are not interested in attending.

1<sup>st</sup>  2<sup>nd</sup>  3<sup>rd</sup> Computer Programming  
 1<sup>st</sup>  2<sup>nd</sup>  3<sup>rd</sup> Creative Writing  
 1<sup>st</sup>  2<sup>nd</sup>  3<sup>rd</sup> Expository Writing  
 1<sup>st</sup>  2<sup>nd</sup>  3<sup>rd</sup> Mathematics  
 1<sup>st</sup>  2<sup>nd</sup>  3<sup>rd</sup> Physical Science

*Note that applications are reviewed according to their course preferences first. If admitted to a course, then session preferences are considered.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant/Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

# **EPGY Summer Institutes Middle School Program 2007 Application Form Part 3**

## **Supplementary Information**

1. List any academic summer camps that you have previously attended. Indicate how many weeks the program lasted, and whether it was a residential program.

2. List any extra-curricular academic activities in which you have participated during the last three years, in order of their importance to you; for example, math or science clubs, literary magazines, etc. If you list a contest or competition, please indicate your score or ranking, if possible.

3 List other residential programs you are applying to this summer.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant/Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## EPGY Summer Institutes Middle School Application 2007 Application Form Part 4

### Free Response Questions (page 1 of 2)

1. Please circle the EPGY Summer Institutes course(s) that you are applying to:

Computer Programming

Creative Writing

Expository Writing

Mathematics

Physical Science

2. For each of the courses that you circled above, please write a few sentences explaining what you like about that subject. For example, if you marked the mathematics course, you can start with “What I like most about math is....” You are welcome to write about a specific experience you had in a course in that subject area, or something that you learned that made you interested to find out more. Be sure to write separately about the different subject areas. You may attach additional pages if needed.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant/Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## **EPGY Summer Institutes Middle School Program 2007 Application Form Part 4**

### **Free Response Questions (page 2 of 2)**

3. What do you like most about school? You may write your answer on a separate sheet of paper if you need additional space

4. What do you like least about school? You may write your answer on a separate sheet of paper if you need additional space.

5. What are your main reasons for wanting to attend the EPGY Summer Institutes Middle School Program? You may write your answer on a separate sheet of paper if you need additional space.

6. Tell us anything else about yourself that you feel is relevant, or describe some of your non-academic interests. You may write your answer on a separate sheet of paper if you need additional space.

Name: _____ Applicant/Student Number: _____
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**EPGY Summer Institutes Middle School Program 2007  
Application Form Part 5  
Honor Code**

*To be read and signed by the applicant*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have truthfully represented myself on this application in my answers to the questions and in the work that I am submitting. I understand that any misrepresentation in my application materials is grounds for EPGY to revoke an offer of admission to Summer Institutes.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*To be read and signed by the applicant's parent or legal guardian.*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have carefully read my son or daughter's application, including work samples, and to the best of my knowledge, all information included here is correct, and the work that my son or daughter is submitting is his or her own. I understand that any misrepresentation in this application is grounds for EPGY to revoke an offer of admission into the Summer Institutes.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant/Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Teacher Recommendation Form (Page 1 of 2)

**To the student:** This form is to be completed by your teacher. We encourage you to select a teacher who can comment on your performance and ability in the Summer Institutes Middle School Program subject area to which you are applying, as well as comment on your general suitability for an intensive residential academic program. You should provide a copy of the Summer Institutes Program Description, from the application packet, to the teacher filling out this form. Also, please indicate below which subject area you are applying to and which application deadline you are trying to meet:

Circle the subject area to which you are applying:

Computer Science      Mathematics  
Programming      Physical Sciences      Writing

Due date: \_\_\_\_\_

**To the teacher:** Please fill out the form below and on the second page, please include further comments about the student. We appreciate any information that you feel is relevant to determining whether the applicant is suited for the EPGY Summer Institute. Note that this is an intensive program where the students will be living as a close group for several weeks, so your impressions of the student's emotional maturity and ability to live and work with other students are especially relevant. Note also that we seek students whose academic talent is exceptionally high. Please write in black or blue ink and write legibly.

Send this form by fax to **(852) 2504 2669** or by mail to: EPGY Hong Kong Administrative Center  
6/F Catic Plaza 8 Causeway Road Causeway Bay Hong Kong Attn: EPGY Summer Institutes 07

Teacher's name:

Name and address of school:

Teacher's email address:

Teacher's telephone number:

How long have you known the applicant, and in what capacity?

Please indicate the level to which you would recommend the applicant for the EPGY Summer Institute in the listed subject area. Please check one:

Very highly recommended       Highly recommended       Recommended       Not recommended

*Please make sure to fill out page 2 of the Teacher Recommendation Form*

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Applicant/Student Number: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Teacher Recommendation Form (Page 2 of 2)

For each of the following indicate how which rating you feel best describes the student.

<b>Academic Characteristics:</b>				
	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Very Good</b>	<b>Excellent</b>
Ability in subject area				
Depth of knowledge in subject area				
Intellectual curiosity				
Analytical ability				
Learns information quickly				
Understands abstract ideas and concepts				
Prefers complex and challenging tasks				
Expresses thoughts clearly				
Is well-prepared in class				
Shows pride in academic work				
Demonstrates good study and organizational skills				

<b>Social Characteristics:</b>				
	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Very Good</b>	<b>Excellent</b>
Ability to work with others				
Ability to work independently				
Perseverance				
Emotional maturity				
Leadership skills				
Sets high standards for own performance				
Displays Trustworthiness				
Maintains a positive attitude				
Expresses emotions appropriately				
Accepts feedback and criticism				

Please include additional comments (feel free to write on the back of this form or use a separate piece of paper for additional comments):

Teacher's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## Guidelines for submitting work samples

Work samples are required for the writing courses *only*; however we encourage applicants of other courses to include work samples as well. All work samples should be from something completed in the last year, and the date that you produced the sample should be indicated on the supplemental information form (Application Part 4). If the sample is from a school assignment, please indicate what course it was for and what the assignment was. If you are submitting a writing sample, you should send a hardcopy with your application, and you should provide us with an electronic version on a disk or by email.

1. **Computer Programming.** (Optional) If you have taken a computer science course in the past, you should submit a computer program (on CD or floppy disk) that you have written. If you have never taken a computer science course before, then you can submit a sample of your work in mathematics (from a math course, math contest, math project, or something you have done on your own).
2. **Mathematics.** (Optional) Please submit a sample of your work from a math course, a math contest, a math project, or other math work that you have done on your own.
3. **Physical Science.** (Optional) Please submit a sample of work from a science course, a science fair, or other science work you have done.
4. **Creative Writing.** Please submit a writing sample. Your writing sample can be a short story, poem, or play that you have written.
5. **Expository Writing.** Please submit a writing sample. Your writing sample can be any of the following:
  - a. Persuasive Essay
  - b. Descriptive Essay
  - c. Research Paper
  - d. Literary Analysis Essay
  - e. Factual Report (e.g., social studies/history report)