GER²I Summer Residential Camps 2024

Programs for students who have just completed grades 5-12

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About

The Gifted Education Research & Resource Institute (GER²I)

The Gifted Education Research & Resource Institute (GER²I) at Purdue University is an innovative center dedicated to the discovery, study, and development of human potential. Founded by John Feldhusen in 1974, GER²I’s mission is holistic development of giftedness, creativity, and talents among individuals throughout their lifespan. This is accomplished through enrichment programs for gifted, creative, and talented youth; graduate programs for future scholars and leaders; professional development and coursework for educators of gifted, creative, and talented students; and cutting-edge research in psychology and education related to giftedness, creativity, and talent development. GER²I’s work encompasses:

- Researching gifted education and the psychology of talent development
- Educating professionals from around the world to promote the development of gifted, creative, and talented individuals
- Providing services and special programs for gifted and talented individuals and their families

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What makes GER²I Summer Residential Camps so great?

GER²I has been serving gifted, creative, and talented students since its founding in 1974 and hosting summer residential enrichment programs since 1977. Every summer, students like you come to Purdue University and experience programs designed to stimulate their imaginations and expand their abilities. We also offer a variety of recreational activities and a chance for you to get a taste of college life as you live on campus in Purdue’s residence halls.

Here’s what you’ll experience at GER²I Residential Summer Camps:

**Intellectual Challenge** - GER²I classes are small, challenging, fast-paced, and interactive.

**Talented and Caring Staff** - Our teachers thrive on sharing their knowledge and experience with students.

**Outstanding Facilities** - Purdue is a world-class research university, and GER²I students have the use of state-of-the-art laboratories, computing facilities, and a variety of libraries.

**Friendships** - GER²I attracts a diverse group of gifted, talented, and creative people from all over the world! You will find friends who share your interests and love of learning.

**Personal Growth** - With supervision, guidance, and support from the GER²I staff to help you adapt and thrive, you will live in residence halls, learn in university classrooms and labs, and take advantage of Purdue’s cultural and recreational facilities, just like college students.

**Fun** - GER²I camp counselors make time outside of class exciting through activities like a night at the movies, basketball, bowling, scavenger hunts, games and tournaments, trivia, and field trips.

“The people all around the camp with different experiences and life views made it easy to interact with our peers and make good friends.”
COMET
June 30-July 6 and July 7-13

For students who have completed grade 5 or 6
Comet students may commute daily or stay in the residence hall.

COST PER ONE-WEEK SESSION:
Commuter - $1,000, Residential - $1250

See the Financial Information section on page 15 for multiple session, sibling, Purdue employee, and refer-a-friend discounts.

Early Bird Discount!
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Please select a class for the session(s) you would like to attend.

course descriptions
COMET I: June 30-July 6

The Invisible World of Bacteria and Immunology
Not to gross you out, but did you know your body contains more bacteria than cells?! But never fear! Some bacteria are friendly, while other bacteria need to be captured and destroyed before they make us sick. Let’s think like immunologists, as we investigate how vaccines work to protect us against harmful bacteria the instant they enter our bodies!

Virtual World Tour
Let’s travel the world in five days! Using advanced technology, we will virtually explore the most amazing destinations across the globe, including the people, wildlife, and plants that live in these incredible places! Show your discoveries by creating a product to share our travels with friends and family.

Our Amazing Environment
We live in it, but do we really see and understand it? In this hands-on environmental education experience, let’s open our eyes to the amazing natural world around us and explore our connection with a deeper understanding and appreciation of our environment.

How Stars Grow and Evolve
Let’s look to the stars and explore how they are born and change over time. We’ll also analyze the different ways stars can die and learn about the formulation of planetary nebulae, which make up many of the beautiful pictures of nebulae we see in space. Bring your sense of wonder and join us on an amazing trip through space!

The Mysterious World Below Us
Dirt is just dirt, right? But what if we knew more about it? Could dirt help us save our environment? Join us as we explore the nature and properties of soil through plant-microbial interactions and how they contribute to the sustainability of our ecosystem.

Crime Scene Investigation (C.S.I.)
Hone your critical thinking and problem-solving skills as a crime scene investigator who solves crimes through hands-on activities in observation, fingerprint analysis, DNA, “blood” spatter, and handwriting analysis. Investigate crimes with your CSI team.

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Fun Filmmaking
Positions, everyone! Lights, camera, action! Sure, we know the stars in front of the camera, but what about the masterminds behind it? Movie producers and directors tell stories in compelling ways that have a lasting effect on their audiences. We’ll explore the fundamentals of filmmaking using recording and editing equipment to tell stories that will wow your camp audience!

Problem Solving 101: Thinking as a Scholar
Unleash your inner problem solver! Elevate your problem-solving prowess and stand out in any endeavor! In this dynamic course, you will cultivate problem solving skills, navigate challenges in confidence, and transform obstacles into opportunities. You will craft a unique challenge, and through innovative problem-based learning, discover the transformative power of designing and conquering obstacles on your terms.

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Under the Scope
Join us as we explore the world of microscopes to understand how and when we use them, including the range of microscopes’ power, and how to prepare samples for examining them under the scope. We’ll also take a field trip to see the powerful electron microscopes at Birck Nanotechnology Center at Purdue University.

It’s Not Rocket Science! Oh, Wait, Yes It Is!
Did you know that a fully assembled NASA rocket can be 184 feet tall and weigh 4.5 million pounds?! Think about how much force it takes to lift that rocket into our atmosphere and beyond! Let’s explore the forces and other scientific principles behind successful rocket launches and landings (on a much smaller scale, of course).

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STAR
June 30-July 13 and July 14-July 27

For students who have completed grade 7 or 8

COST PER TWO-WEEK SESSION:
Residential - $2500

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STAR I AM: June 30-July 13

The Wonder of Magic and Chemistry
Chemistry is all around us - from the food we eat to the air we breathe! With our buddy, the MOLE, we’ll explore foundational concepts like the periodic table, chemical equations and reaction types, and the importance of an atom’s nucleus and atomic power. You’ll come away with a new appreciation of chemistry that will help you see how chemistry affects our everyday lives, even in ways we do not recognize.

Straight Outta History: Exploring the History of Black Education in the U.S.
The history of Black education in the U.S. is filled with triumphant stories of refusal, resistance, and racial (im)possibilities. It’s a story that centers the humanity, hope, love, determination, and persistence of the Black spirit. Let’s remember the legacies of Black education and reimagine freer educational futures for all students!

Art and Science of Color and Design
Did you know that science has uncovered the ways in which color affects daily decision-making and moods? What does it mean to choose a “favorite” color, and what does that color say about you? After learning about the science of color, we’ll analyze the function of color in design and art.

Pseudo Code Gaming Design
Is it possible to develop software without a computer? Every computer game started with an idea. Use your imagination and learn strategies to plan, design, and build a working model of a game you create with your team. We’ll move quickly from modeling simple interactions to compounding multiple models into more complex ideas.

How to Train Your AI Learning Coach: A Personalized Learning Adventure
Unlock the future of learning with our AI-powered summer course! Discover your unique learning style, explore personalized projects, and harness the potential of AI learning coaches. Empower your mind to take control of your education and ignite your curiosity. Join us for endless and engaging educational possibilities!

course descriptions

STAR I PM: June 30-July 13

GER²i in Wonderland
Spark your creative and divergent thinking and rekindle your ability to be a deeply curious thinker by learning strategies that stretch the capacities of your brain. We will learn why curiosity and creativity are not fixed abilities and how everyone can become more curious and more creative.

Rockin’ Discoveries: A Geologic Adventure
Geology may be the study of rocks, but rocks tell stories from the past and are key to future adventures. Let’s think like geologists who explore Earth history through the record of volcanoes, mountains, earthquakes, fossils, and more! You’ll learn how to “read the rocks” and create a geologic adventure of your own.

STEAM LABSTM
Students, engineers, artists, and hobbyists around the world design and build Rube Goldberg-style machines to satisfy society’s fascination with these creative contraptions. Apply the engineering design process to construct STEAM Machines (i.e., chain reaction machines that run on STEM and Art concepts) using everyday objects and technology such as motors, sensors, and micro-controllers. Gain experience with systems thinking and multi-team collaboration as you learn real-world engineering skills and explore pathways to engineering careers.

Yea or Nay? Mathematical Voting Theory
You might be surprised how often you use various forms of voting in your daily life. Even before you can vote in government elections, you might ask everyone where they want to eat and then use a simple majority to pick the most popular place. You might also allow votes for and votes against their restaurant choices. Cast your vote for this class, and let’s take a deep dive into voting theory.

Soaring through the Solar System
Let’s blast off together and learn about the solar system. We’ll soar through space with amazing photographs to learn about stars, planets, asteroids, and comets, including what they are, how they interact with each other, and why these celestial bodies are so important to explore.
STAR II AM: July 14-27

**Historical Cover-Ups**
Do you believe that everything written in textbooks is accurate? Do you believe that some information has been rewritten or omitted entirely? Since the victors write history, other perspectives are left out. Join us as we uncover historical cover-ups, like the Mai Lai Massacre, and examine why they were hidden from the public.

**What would life be like on the inner planets?**
What if you could stand on Venus? Mars? Mercury? What if you could choose any of the inner planets on which to live? What would you need and how would you stay alive? Space exploration is taking us to new heights and possibilities, including living on other planets! Let’s take a stroll through the cosmos to learn about these faraway places and to choose the next planet you’ll call home.

**Math Games Without the Dice**
Everyone plays games, right? Sometimes you win games, and sometimes you lose games, especially when they involve random chance like rolling dice or spinning a wheel. But did you know that math can help you win games that don’t involve any random chance? Join us as we learn key strategies for winning several math-based games, including how to use these strategies to win games you’ve never played before!

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**Curious Minds: Exploring Science, Math, and Engineering**
Bring your curiosity, problem-solving skills, and a passion for science, math, and engineering to this interdisciplinary course. We’ll explore the wonders of these subjects through hands-on experiments, mathematical puzzles, and creative engineering challenges.

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STAR II PM: July 14-27

**Acting Up and Acting Out: Constructing Cultures of Peace**
Bring your unlimited imagination to this active, spontaneous, unscripted course featuring theatre games, pantomime, role play, simulations, storytelling, and improvisation to challenge your thinking about freedom, justice, and peace. Together we’ll construct a vision of a better world where peace is not just an idea, but a courageous action.

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**Sleep Science for Health Equity**
We all sleep, and we know our bodies need it, but what’s the science behind why sleep matters? And what happens when not everyone in our society has the same opportunities for healthy sleep? Join us as we use scientific methods to better understand the importance of sleep, from how it is shaped by our environment and society to how healthy sleep can prevent serious medical problems like strokes, cancer, and mental illness. Let’s explore the science of sleep and dream about how to effectively improve sleep for everyone.

**The OG’s of Math: Fibonacci and Pascal**
Come meet the “old guys” (OG’s) Fibonacci and Pascal whose work has fascinated mathematicians and scientists for centuries! Let’s journey through the ages as we learn about their amazing theories and their significance in the history of math and science. We’ll also test their theories ourselves by creating our own Pascal’s triangles and Fibonacci sequences. Then we’ll apply our understanding to nature and architecture.

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Leadership 101
Do you want to make a difference in your own community, become the CEO of a multinational company, or the president of a country one day? If so, you are going to need a toolbox of essential, well-developed skills all leaders must possess. Participate in interactive scenarios and other activities that will launch you on a journey to discover the leadership potential inside of you.

Brainiacs Unite!
Want to be a neuroscientist? Let this be your first giant leap! Using a number of mini experiments and interactive activities, we’ll explore many aspects of neuroscience, including brain structures and functions, the nervous system, brain scans, and neurological disorders.

Music and Mathematics
Did you know that good musicians are often good mathematicians? Let's explore the surprising mathematics that underlie music theory. We’ll examine sound waves, harmony, resonance, polyrhythms, and other phenomena, including why music sounds pleasant or obnoxious to our ears. Prerequisite: Algebra 1. No music experience required.

How to Win: Mathematical Game Theory
What if I told you that you can increase your chances for winning more games using math? Let’s discover the math behind games without chance, like rolling dice or spinning a wheel. Using algebra and other mathematical concepts, we’ll learn strategies to solve non-random games and how to design your own games that you’re sure to win!

Games for Transformational Futures
Do you have what it takes to design a video game? Let’s learn about the fundamentals, including how to develop narratives, characters, and environments and the art of designing immersive and playful scenarios that allow end-users to co-design and interact with transformational digital futures. You’ll develop gameplay interactions that critique societal challenges like climate change and propose impactful game-based experiences.

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Serious Gaming for the 21st Century
Did you know that “serious gaming” refers to any game that does more than simply entertain? Exercise your teamwork, problem-solving, and goal-directed muscles as you engage in competitive and collaborative electronic or tabletop games with a greater purpose. Consider how serious gaming can enhance skills and future career possibilities in computer game technology, media and communications, and education.

Evolution of Ethics
Can ethical standards change over time? How do changes in society and people’s personal experiences affect the ethical standards by which they choose to live? How do changing ideas of right and wrong influence ethical behavior? Let’s examine historical as well as more recent events (e.g., Project MKUltra & El Salvadorian Gang Crackdown) through varying ethical perspectives to discern whether the ends justified the means.

Engineers Solving Physiological Problems
Curious about how biomedical engineers solve human health problems? In this course, we’ll learn about how the various systems within the human body function and how common diseases and other medical problems affect these systems. Then we’ll apply the principles of engineering design to create tools that can solve a specific human health problem you choose.

Design & Prototyping of Smart Toys and Robots
Build upon your knowledge of electronics, programming, sensors, and design to create smart toys and robots. Create technologies controlled from your cell phone using recyclables, circuits, and more, and work in teams to design and build a project. We’ll also explore the Internet of Things (IoT), the ever-growing network of physical objects for internet connectivity. The skills you learn and the products you create will be especially useful when applying for engineering and technology-based college programs.

Getting to the Root of the Problem
Animals and humans usually move to get what they need. Plants are rooted in place, so how do they meet their needs? Did you know that a plant looks, tastes, or grows a certain way on purpose?! Let’s study the fascinating ways plants respond to their environments, from daily to seasonal to long-term fluctuations in the soil, water, and atmosphere, and discover the important lessons they teach us about adaptability.

Introduction to Quantum Computing
Imagine the future possibilities of quantum computing. Explore cutting-edge research and potential advancements that could reshape our technological landscape. Join us on this mind-expanding journey into the quantum realm and discover the incredible potential of quantum computing!
change and propose impactful, futuristic game-based experiences. Develop gameplay interactions that critique societal challenges like climate and interact with transformational digital futures. In this course, you'll immerse and play game scenarios that allow end-users to co-design authentic narratives, characters, and environments and the art of designing immersive and playful game scenarios that allow end-users to co-design and interact with transformational digital futures. In this course, you’ll develop gameplay interactions that critique societal challenges like climate change and propose impactful, futuristic game-based experiences.

### Electrochemistry Drives Our Lives

Electrochemistry is the driving force behind our everyday lives! From the batteries which power our cars to solar panels which offer us renewable energy, electrochemistry is everywhere. In this class, you will play the role of a laboratory researcher who wants to make the most of practical electrochemistry to improve our everyday lives.

### Game Theory and Global Politics

We need gifted leaders like you to promote world peace and international cooperation. Learn and use game theories such as Nations as Actors, Resource Wars, and Hard Power Vs Soft Power to understand how and why nations make decisions on foreign policy. Apply these principles to current events and to your own international policy strategy through playing strategic games.

### Finding Literary Meaning in Film and Pop Culture

Explore the intricate interplay between literature, film, and pop culture in this honors-level course. Analyze iconic works to uncover hidden layers of meaning, dissect cinematic techniques, and decode the cultural significance of contemporary media. Elevate your critical thinking and cultural literacy through engaging discussions and thought-provoking assignments.

### Relativity: From Time Dilation to E = mc²

Let’s explore the weird consequences of Einstein’s “Theory of Relativity.” From just two basic principles, we discover phenomena such as the twin paradox, time dilation, and even time travel! Bring your advanced math skills and let’s think like Einstein! Prerequisite: Algebra 2 or precalculus.

### How to Build a Skyscraper?

Did you know that we can design and build skyscrapers with the help of only a few basic principles of physics, chemistry, and engineering?! Let’s use these principles and our imaginations to design buildings that will scrape the sky but won’t sink into the earth or topple in the strongest winds!

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### What are the Chances? An Exploration of Probabilities

We all know that rolling a standard die has a 1 in 6 chance of landing on a given number. But can you figure out what to expect for particular events in real life? How to calculate the probability of single and multiple random events? Bring your pre-calculus skills to figure out these answers and learn how to use them to master the randomness all around us.

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Students say:

"GER²I camp was definitely a once-in-a-life-time experience! I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the incredible time I had. This experience brought out the best in me, and I couldn’t be happier! I learned so much about myself and the importance of teamwork, friendship, and personal growth. The memories we created together will forever hold a special place in my heart. Thank you for providing a safe and nurturing environment that allowed me to flourish."  - Dimitra S., Greece - Pulsar I

"GER²I is excellent. I loved my experience during the camp - not only because we have wonderful teachers and students, but also the knowledge we learned in our classes was interesting and extremely helpful. I love GER²I, and the counselors were generous, kind, and amazing in many ways."  - Luke J.Z., China - Pulsar I & II

Parents say:

"Our daughter attended GER²I Summer Residential camp last year on a scholarship and her experience proved to be absolutely pivotal in her life. She loved her classes and also found the evening time small group discussions very helpful. Since then, she has gained incredible independence and confidence in her own abilities. Thank you so much for making such a wonderful impact in her life. She has maintained interest in the subjects of the classes she attended last year and has requested to attend again next summer."
- Amie M., Mulberry, IN

Teachers say:

"I am truly passionate about teaching for GER²I because every day, I am privileged to witness the extraordinary potential within our gifted students. Their brilliance, diverse backgrounds, and boundless creativity make each class a joyous adventure. As a teacher dedicated to nurturing the gifted mind, I find immense value and professional fulfillment in crafting courses like 'Curious and Creative Thinking' and 'Virtual World Tour.' These hands-on, minds-on experiences not only challenge my students but also empower them to discover their capabilities beyond what they initially believed possible. At GER²I, I am not just an educator - I am a facilitator of unforgettable learning journeys, guiding my students to embrace their potential with enthusiasm and a love for knowledge that will last a lifetime."  - Susan S., GER²I's Director Award

"What I love most about teaching neuroscience to youth at GER²I is watching them become enamored with it. Neuroscience can relate to so many academic fields, so it’s very exciting to hear campers talk about how they will use these principles in their future careers."  - Jessica B., GER²I's Sidney Marsh Moon Teacher Award

Camp Counselors say:

"GER²I camp is important to me because it has given me the opportunity to participate in a camp that values talent development and expanding minds of youth around the world. My favorite part of GER²I camp is watching campers go from strangers at the beginning of camp to friends at the end of camp."
- Travis A.S., Former GER²I Counselor

"The four weeks I spent as a counselor were so incredibly special, and that can be attributed to the diverse set of students that GER²I camp serves. I had no idea how fun it would be to watch those students come out of their shells over the course of a single camp. It was also a pleasure getting to be the mentor and coach for many of our campers, helping them understand more about themselves and the world around them. When you pair that with the great staff of coordinators and counselors who put in so much effort to make the camps a success, it’s clear that I couldn’t have asked for a better summer!"
- William R.O., Former GER²I Counselor

Program Coordinators say:

"GER²I's Summer Residential Program is an exceptional place that values diversity, inclusivity, discovery, and personal growth. The program is fully committed to the academic and social-emotional development of every unique talent. Here, students don’t just learn - they grow as leaders, critical thinkers, and problem solvers. Being a part of this program is not only an incredible professional journey for me but also an enriching and inspiring personal experience."
- Tugce Karatas, Former Program Coordinator

"My role as a Residential Life Coordinator for the Summer Residential Program (SRES) in 2022 and 2023 was a transformative experience and more than a summer camp - it was a life-changing journey. Global Galas, social-emotional affective curriculum sessions, and academic dedication were inspiring highlights, while the program’s focus on personal growth and leadership fostered crucial skills. Challenges allowed me to grow personally and professionally, reinforcing the power of education to break barriers. In sum, my time with SRES revealed the incredible potential in each student I met, the impact of cultural exchange, and the importance of a global perspective, making it a catalyst for lifelong friendships and personal growth."
- Bekir Akce, Former Residential Life Coordinator
Welcome to the

PURDUE HONORS COLLEGE

The Purdue Honors College opened its doors for GER2I campers in July 2018. Its outstanding facilities bring campers closer to a hub of experts and researchers who partner with GER2I to drive their futures forward!

Classrooms, Labs, and Technology
The Purdue Honors College features large classrooms designed for active learning. These spaces will be used for large-scale projects and special classes featured at GER2I Summer Residential.

Dormitories
Students will stay in the Honors College and Residences, giving them fast access to their classrooms and the world of Purdue. The Honors College houses two, three, or four campers per room, with student lounges on every floor for small group activities and GER2I games.

Honors Hall
Honors Hall will function as the center of GER2I activity. Students will meet here for check-in, evening activities, and special events such as the Graduation Ceremony.

The Honors Community
The Purdue Honors College has an international reach and welcomes students from all backgrounds. Campers will get a taste for college life in a close-knit community of scholars and researchers while having a blast at GER2I Summer Residential!

Join Us This Summer!
How do I apply online?
Applying online is our preferred method of registration unless applying with a group. Students will register through [http://www.purdue.edu/conferences/GER2ISummerRes2024](http://www.purdue.edu/conferences/GER2ISummerRes2024). **Registration opens February 1st.**

We recommend completing the application in one sitting to ensure your submission is received. Contact Mercedes Nixon-Palmer at 765-494-7210 or mnixonpa@purdue.edu for registration questions. You must submit your application and non-refundable application fee for your place to be reserved in class.

How do I make a payment over the phone?
Payment is always processed through the Purdue Extended Campus department. Their phone number for credit card payment is 1-866-515-0023. Please mention that you are a GER2I camper, and they will look up your account information. Allow two business days after submitting your application before calling this number to allow for registration processing. Contact Purdue Conferences at 1-866-515-0023 or mnixonpa@purdue.edu for any payment questions.

How English proficient do I need to be to attend GER2I Summer Residential?
English Language Learners will benefit the most from Summer Residential when they can understand a spoken conversation, as many of our classes are discussion and team-based. We judge English proficiency through the application essay, and our teachers have a basic understanding of how to accommodate. Access to a translator is not guaranteed. We ask that campers with limited English proficiency make a proactive effort to engage in class, with their peers, and with faculty and staff in English. Those campers will find that they can form great friendships as long as they are willing to give their best effort.

My child has mental, physical, or dietary challenges, can they still participate?
We are committed to making our programs accessible to twice-exceptional youth (campers with gifts and talents as well as a diagnosed disability). Although our camp counselors are caring and proactive professionals serving gifted and talented learners, they may not have expertise in your child's special needs. Campers walk to class and dining daily, and we estimate that our campers walk 6 – 8 miles daily. Please consider these factors if your child requires extensive medications, behavioral intervention, or has physical limitations. GER2I reserves the right to determine whether we are able to provide needed accommodations and/or supports on a case-by-case basis.

If I am an international student, what class visa do I need?
You will need a non-immigrant B-2 visa. If your country is under the approved visa waiver program for the United States, you will need an Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) on file. As soon as possible after your successful registration, email geri@purdue.edu to request an official invitation letter from us to show to the visa office and border services.

Will I need clothes to go swimming?
Swimming is an optional activity for all campers. Below-knee trunks for boys and one-piece swimsuits for girls are required by the Purdue CoRec for swimming attire.

Will I need special clothes for classes with labs?
Long pants and closed-toe shoes are required for Purdue science lab classes. We recommend closed-toed shoes, long pants, and long hair to be secured for science and engineering classes. Campers who have registered for lab classes will be reminded about this requirement before camp begins.

How much additional cash will my child need?
Please bring as few valuables as possible. We recommend $40 per week for additional snacks and souvenirs. We discourage students from bringing tablets and laptops as computers are provided. Students who would like to bring valuable musical instruments for Global Gala may choose to store their instrument in their counselor’s room, so that they are locked away while not in use.

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What to Bring

CLOTHING

• Casual clothes
• Sportswear
• Dress clothes (optional)
• Comfortable sneakers
• Quality socks (7-14 pair)
• Shower shoes or flip flops (if desired)
• A sweatshirt or light jacket
• Umbrella/rain gear
• Long pants and closed-toe shoes are required for Purdue science lab classes
• Long swim trunks for males or one-piece swimsuits for females
• Semi-formal attire for GER²I dance

OTHER ITEMS

• Personal toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, hair comb or brush, hair dryer, etc.)
• Necessary medications in their original labeled containers
• Sunscreen and sunglasses
• Alarm clock or device with alarm function
• A camera or device with camera function
• Notebook paper, pencils, pens
• Global Gala: We encourage you to share your culture in authentic ways, such as dancing, singing, quoting poetry, crafting, or sharing a special talent/skill or cultural artifacts.
• If you choose to bring a valuable musical instrument for Global Gala, we advise you to leave it with your counselor for safe keeping while not in use.

DO NOT BRING*

• Bed linens, blanket, towels and washcloths (provided)
• Electronics (drones, video game consoles)
• Water guns, Nerf guns
• Motorized bikes, cars, skateboards or longboards, bicycles, or scooters
• Valuables (e.g. jewelry, portable video games, etc.)
• Computers (provided for class)
• Students may bring cell phones (may be confiscated if used during class or in an inappropriate manner).

*GER²I and Purdue University are not responsible for any lost, damaged, or stolen items brought by students.

DIRECTIONS

*If you are 16 or older and choose to drive yourself, please alert GER²I staff upon arrival so we can direct you to the proper parking area.

Directions to the Honors College

Purdue Honors College, North Building (HCRN)
1101 Third Street
West Lafayette, IN 47906

From East State Street

• Drive on State Street until you reach University Street
• Turn right onto University Street
• Turn left on First Street
• Turn right on North Russell Street. The Honors College will be on the immediate left. Follow signs for unloading and parking.

From Old US Hwy 231

• Turn onto Martin Jischke Drive
• Follow the road, take the second exit (go straight) at the traffic circle
• Turn right on First Street
• Turn left on North Russell Street. The Honors College will be on the immediate left. Follow signs for unloading and parking.

From Northwestern

• Turn right onto Stadium Avenue
• Turn left onto North Russell Street
• The Honors College will be past Third Street on the right-hand side. Follow signs for unloading and parking.
No-Show Policy – Students who register for the program but do not attend will be charged the full tuition amount unless we receive a cancellation request in writing two weeks before the start of the camp.

Accommodations

- **Facilities** - Students live in residence halls on the safe, friendly West Lafayette campus of Purdue University. Centrally located between students’ classes, libraries, computing centers, and recreational facilities, the Honors College residence halls are fully air-conditioned and easily accessible to students with physical disabilities.

- **Roommates** – Each participant will be paired with 1-2 roommates as available. We believe that campers enjoy a richer experience and make new friends more easily when they lodge with someone they have not met before; therefore, roommate requests are **NOT** accepted unless your child has specific health or emotional needs. Please email geri@purdue.edu if you believe you fit this category.

- **Check In/Check Out** – Campers will check in at the Honors College, 101 3rd Street, West Lafayette, IN 47906, between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM, Eastern Standard Time, on the Sunday their program begins. Comet campers who commute daily should attend registration and their first class meeting on Sunday evening from 7:00-9:00 PM. On the final Saturday of camp, Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held at the Honors College from 9:00-10:30 AM followed by a closing ceremony. Check out is no later than 11:30 AM on the final Saturday.

- **Social Life** - An enjoyable social experience is just as important as the academic learning, and the Honors College residence hall will be the social hub of GERI Residential Summer Camp. Lounges and common areas give students places to play music and games, watch movies, share a snack, read a book, collaborate on projects, or even do their laundry. Our friendly, experienced counseling staff works hard to create an environment in which all students feel safe, comfortable, and right at home. Students attending over Independence Day, July 4, will have the opportunity to see the local fireworks display.

- **GERI Global Gala and Talent Showcase** – GERI campers come from all over the world and from many different cultures. We encourage you to share your culture with others during the Global Gala. Share a talent by performing a dance or singing a song. Teach a popular game that is played in your country or tell a story. Bring an item from home that represents your culture. Through food, music, dancing, and other cultural activities, promote your culture and heritage and give others a glimpse at what life is like in your community.

- **Dining** – The award-winning Purdue dining courts offer something for everyone. The dining court serves a varied menu of hot meals, a salad bar stocked with fresh fruits and vegetables, juices and drinks, cereals, and sandwiches. Even picky eaters or those with special dietary needs will have an appetizing variety of healthy foods from which to choose. If your child has special dietary needs, please call GERI at (765) 494-7243.

Supervision

- **Safety** - Key card building access and 24-hour residence hall staff help summer campers feel comfortable and secure. Per Purdue University policy, students will be escorted to and from classes daily. Staff members supervise activities and field trips away from the residence hall and are always available to students who choose to stay at the residence hall during afternoon activities. Students should never leave the residence hall without staff supervision. Unless they are with a staff member, students may not go beyond the academic campus and the small shopping areas near the residence hall.

- **Social and Emotional Development** - A special feature of our program that sets us apart from other camps is our social-emotional curriculum. Our camp counselors understand the social and emotional needs of the GERI campers and are trained on student development, cultural sensitivity, and characteristics of children with gifts and talents. Camp counselors facilitate an affective curriculum in a small group format during the program. Helping to build a sense of community, these discussion sessions are an integral component of our camp.

- **Medical Care** – Medical information and permission for treatment will be collected from participants prior to registration. Parents will be notified of any medical emergency or illness as soon as possible. GERI provides limited medical insurance that covers most basic costs while students are attending camp, but any additional medical expenses, expenses related to existing conditions, and/or medical services provided outside of camp attendance are the responsibility of the parents or guardians. Campers should bring an adequate supply of prescription medication in the original container to camp.

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Financial Information

• Tuition - The program fees cover room and board, tuition, course materials, class-related field trips, limited medical insurance, and a GER²I T-shirt. The fee does not cover incidental expenses, optional afternoon or weekend activities, or transportation to and from Purdue University. An application fee of $100 per student is due with the application and will be refunded only if the student is not accepted into the program.

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• Saturday Field Trip - STAR and PULSAR campers may choose to attend an extended field trip on the first Saturday of camp. These visits include tickets to museums or sporting events in major cities like Chicago or Indianapolis, but location and activity will change from year to year. The additional fee for this activity will be $100 payable upon registration to cover the costs of venue admission and charter bus transportation. Because reservations are made well in advance, students who wish to add this field trip later may not be accommodated. Students who do not wish to attend the extended field trip will participate in activities within the greater West Lafayette area.

• Camp Discounts - Four tuition discount programs are available for 5% off the price of tuition. Campers may be eligible for ONE of these discounts in combination with the 5% Early Bird discount (registration by February 15), for a total discount of 10%. All discounts are applied to base tuition, not additional travel or field trip fees. The following discounts do not apply to those on scholarship.

  Purdue Employee Discount - for GER²I campers whose parents or grandparents are employed by Purdue University. (Employee's Purdue email must be used upon registration.)

  Siblings Discount - for siblings who attend in the same summer.

  Multiple Session Discount - for campers who attend more than one session.

  Refer-a-Friend Discount - for campers who recommend friends attending Summer Residential for the first time. Friend must attend for this to apply. Discount applied to both referring and referred students unless students attended with a group or on scholarship.

• Payment – Payment in full is due June 1. Payments can be made via check, money order, VISA, MasterCard, and Discover. No cash will be accepted. We cannot process your application until the application fee of $100 is received. If full payment is not received by June 1, the student’s placement in classes will be removed. After tuition is paid in full, student’s placement in classes will be determined based on availability; original class choices may no longer be available. If full payment is not received by June 15, the student’s full registration will be cancelled.

NOTE: Do not send payment to GER²I. Checks must be sent to the Purdue Conferences office. Please make checks out to "Purdue University" with "GER²I Summer Residential: Child’s Name” in the note and send to:

Purdue Conferences
128 Memorial Mall, STEW G32
Attn: Mercedes Nixon-Palmer
West Lafayette, IN 47907

• Late Registrants – Registrations received after June 1 must be paid in full at the time of application. Late registration is strongly discouraged and may not be accepted.

• Refunds – Students who withdraw prior to two weeks before the program begins will receive a refund equal to any paid tuition less the $100 application fee. GER²I must receive a written cancellation notice via email (geri@purdue.edu) for refunds to be processed. No refunds will be given for cancellations made in the two weeks prior to the start of camp.

• Financial Assistance – GER²I provides a limited number of partial scholarships to students with financial need. To be considered for financial aid, a student must submit a complete application (including the financial aid section with documentation of financial need) and meet academic eligibility criteria. Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications for financial aid will not be considered before a complete application is submitted and program eligibility is established. Because funds are limited and the demand for financial assistance exceeds our resources, we strongly recommend submitting an application as early as possible. Qualifying for financial aid in a previous program does not guarantee aid in subsequent programs.

Travel to Purdue University

• By Car – West Lafayette is just off I-65 between Indianapolis and Chicago. See page 13 for detailed directions.

• By Plane – Fly into the Indianapolis International Airport. Check with your airline for their policy regarding unaccompanied minors. Shuttle services to Purdue University is offered by Lafayette Limo (https://www.lafayettelimo.com, 765-497-3828) or the Reindeer Shuttle (https://www.reindeershuttle.com, 765-637-5124) for a reasonable cost.

If you are flying into an airport other than the Indianapolis International Airport, you will be responsible for making your own transportation arrangements to and from Purdue University. Lafayette Limo, Reindeer Shuttle (see above), and Express Air Coach (765-743-3120) have service from O'Hare Airport in Chicago.

NOTE: GER²I will no longer provide airport transportation. Individual campers and groups must make their own arrangements with Lafayette Limo, Reindeer Shuttle, or Express Air Coach (see above). IMPORTANT: Campers must inform the shuttle driver to be dropped off at the address below at Purdue University. Should a camper be dropped off at a different campus site, please contact GER²I immediately at 765-494-7243 (GER²I office) or 765-430-0437 (Dr. Kristen Seward), and a GER²I staff member will come to your location to pick you up.

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International Students

International student groups or individual students attending GER²I Summer Residential may be eligible to do so with a B status visa waiver by showing their invitation letter upon entry into the United States. To learn more about this program, or if you are not sure whether your country is eligible for participation, please visit https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas.html.

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Lucky 7 Program

Bring 7 paid students and receive 1 additional registration free.
GER2I Summer Camps are designed for talented students who have demonstrated an ability to succeed academically or artistically and are motivated to strive for additional challenges.

**Returning Students**

Register online at: [http://www.purdue.edu/conferences/GER2ISummerRes2024](http://www.purdue.edu/conferences/GER2ISummerRes2024)

Returning students do not need to submit an essay or qualifying documentation. Simply complete the program application online.

**New Students**

1. Register online at: [http://www.purdue.edu/conferences/GER2ISummerRes2024](http://www.purdue.edu/conferences/GER2ISummerRes2024)
   Refer to pages 17-18 for information collected during registration.

2. A one- to two-page essay or alternative media (such as a video, website, PowerPoint presentation, or art portfolio) statement that addresses your desire and motivation to participate in the Summer Residential program. Use the following questions as guidelines:
   - Why did you select the class(es) you have chosen?
   - In what ways do you think you will benefit from the program?
   - Why do you want an academic and/or artistic challenge?
   - If accepted, what will you contribute to the success of the program you attend?

3. Please provide ONLY TWO of the following documents:
   - Student grade transcript showing a GPA of 3.5/4.0 (B+) in the talent area related to the applicant’s choice of GER2I class(es). Grades may be from the most recent year or cumulative.
   - Individual or group intelligence test results with a minimum score of 120. Please submit results from the test company or school.
   - National or state achievement or aptitude test results at or above the 90th percentile in a specific area of study. These tests must provide comparison scores and percentile rankings, not percentages correct. Examples include ITBS, I-STEP, CAT, MAT8, Midwest Talent Search, SAT, PSAT, ACT, or PLAN tests. Please submit test reports.
   - Recommendation letter from a teacher or mentor in the talent area. This letter must address specific examples of the student’s performance, experiences, and potential in the talent area of the class(es) he or she has selected.
   - Documentation of involvement in the talent area. Such documentation can include pictures or scans of awards, certificates, service, or recognition letters documenting involvement.

You will upload the two supporting documents online through the registration website.

Send email to mnixonPA@purdue.edu or call Mercedes Nixon-Palmer at 765-494-7210 for registration related questions.

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Gather your information and register at www.purdue.edu/conferences/GER2ISummerRes2024

I am applying for the following program (choose one):

- COMET - for those who have completed grade 5 or 6
- STAR - for those who have completed grade 7 or 8
- PULSAR - for those who have completed grade 9, 10, 11, or 12

Registration opens 2/1/2024.
We accept online registrations only at:
http://www.purdue.edu/conferences/GER2ISummerRes2024

Be sure to have the following items on hand before you begin:
1) Student’s session(s) and class selection(s);
2) Payment method for payment in full or for $100 application fee;
3) Payment method for $100 extended field trip fee for Star and Pulsar students only, if applicable. For new GER2I Summer Residential campers, also include 1) Student essay or alternate media project and 2) Two of the academic eligibility documents.

If you are registering a group, please contact the GER2I office via geri@purdue.edu or 765-494-7243 before you begin.
GER2I reserves the right to cancel programs at any time. Purdue University is not responsible for costs incurred due to cancellation.

Purdue is committed to making its programs accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you require an accommodation or special assistance for this program due to a disability, please contact us at 765-494-7243 or via email at geri@purdue.edu.

Apply online at www.purdue.edu/conferences/GER2ISummerRes2024

Please indicate below how you heard (found out) about the GER2I program:
- Word-of-mouth
- Direct Mailing
- GER2I Programs Listserv
- GER2I Website
- Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn)
- Internet Search such as Google
- Other Website, Publication, or Event
- Indy’s Child
- Just Kidding
- State Gifted Association (IAG, IAGC, PAGE, TAGT)
- Princeton Alumni Weekly
- Center for Talent Development, Northwestern University
- Student Education Programs
- TeenLife
- NAGC
- Other (please specify): ____________________________

An equal access/equal opportunity/affirmative action university
**Comet**
(completed grade 5 or 6)
- Comet I, June 30-July 6 Commuter ($1,250)
  - The Invisible World of Bacteria and Immunology
  - Virtual World Tour
  - Our Amazing Environment
  - How Stars Grow and Evolve
  - The Mysterious World Below Us
  - Crime Scene Investigation (C.S.I.)
- Comet I, June 30-July 6 Resident ($1,250)

**Comet II, July 7-13 Commuter**
($1,000)
- Fun Filmmaking
- Problem Solving 101: Thinking as a Scholar
- Our Amazing Environment
- Under the Scope
- It’s Not Rocket Science! Oh, Wait, Yes It Is!
- Crime Scene Investigates (C.S.I.)

**Comet II, July 7-13 Resident**
($1,250)
- Morning
  - The Wonder and Magic of Chemistry
  - Straight Outta History: Exploring the History of Black Education in the U.S.
  - Art and Science of Color and Design
  - Pseudo Code Gaming Design
  - How to Train Your AI Learning Coach: A Personalized Learning Adventure
- Afternoon
  - ER2I in Wonderland
  - Rockin’ Discoveries: A Geologic Adventure
  - STEAM LABS™
  - Yea or Nay? Mathematical Voting Theory
  - Soaring through the Solar System

**Star**
(completed grade 7 or 8)
- Star I, June 30-July 13 ($2,500)
  - Morning
    - The Wonder and Magic of Chemistry
    - Straight Outta History: Exploring the History of Black Education in the U.S.
    - Art and Science of Color and Design
    - Pseudo Code Gaming Design
    - How to Train Your AI Learning Coach: A Personalized Learning Adventure
  - Afternoon
    - GER2I in Wonderland
    - Rockin’ Discoveries: A Geologic Adventure
    - STEAM LABS™
    - Yea or Nay? Mathematical Voting Theory
    - Soaring through the Solar System
- Star II, July 14-27 ($2,500)
  - Morning
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      - Historical Cover-Ups
      - What would life be like on the inner planets?
      - Math Games Without the Dice
      - Under the Scope
      - Curious Minds: Exploring Science, Math, and Engineering
  - Afternoon
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      - Acting Up and Acting Out: Constructing Cultures of Peace
      - STEAM LABS™
      - Sleep Science for Health Equity
      - The OG’s of Math: Fibonacci and Pascal

**Pulsar**
(completed grade 9, 10, 11, or 12)
- Pulsar I, June 30-July 13 ($2,500)
  - Morning
    - Leadership 101
    - Brainiacs Unite!
    - Music and Mathematics
    - How to Win: Mathematical Game Theory
    - Games for Transformational Futures
  - Afternoon
    - Serious Gaming for the 21st Century
    - Evolution of Ethics
    - Engineers Solving Physiological Problems
    - Design & Prototyping of Smart Toys and Robots
    - Getting to the Root of the Problem
    - Introduction to Quantum Computing
- Pulsar II, July 14-27 ($2,500)
  - Morning
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      - Electrochemistry Drives Our Lives
      - Game Theory and Global Politics
      - Finding Literary Meaning in Film and Pop Culture
      - Relativity: From Time Dilation to \( E = mc^2 \)
      - How to Build a Skyscraper?
    - Afternoon
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        - Serious Gaming for the 21st Century
        - Creative Writing Workshop
        - PokéBio Unleashed: Biology, 3D Printing, and Gaming
        - Design & Prototyping of Smart Toys and Robots
        - What are the Chances? An Exploration of Probabilities
        - Introduction to Quantum Computing

### Application Fees

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I am a STAR or PULSAR camper, and I will be participating in the extended field trip on the first Saturday of camp. I have included the additional $100 field trip fee with this application and the $100 application fee.

Student’s choice of classes will be canceled if payment is not received in full by June 1, and student’s camp registration may be canceled if full payment is not received by June 15.
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Child’s Name_________________________________Birth Date________________________

Parent/Guardian Name_________________________________________________________________________

Home Phone (___)__________________Work Phone (___)_____________________________

All amounts should be the total for the 2023 calendar year.
1. Adjusted gross income
2. Taxable income
3. Total Social Security benefits for 2023
4. Total AFDC and/or ADC for 2023
5. Child support received for all children
6. Number of household members
   a. Yourself        b. Spouse      c. Dependents
   Total of a, b, and c_________

I certify that the information supplied above is accurate.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature______________________________________________________________

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