



THANKSGIVING

CAMP 2024

Boston, USA



Thanksgiving Camp 2023 Recap

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We are back!



The Foundation Global Education USA Team is back with an exhilarating Thanksgiving program, featuring a mix of academic and interest-based sessions. This year, we have crafted a schedule designed for students to engage in both fieldwork and project-based learning.



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Thanksgiving Camp 2024

Dates

22 November - 2 December

Location

Cambria Hotel, Somerville, MA

For Students: Grade 6-12

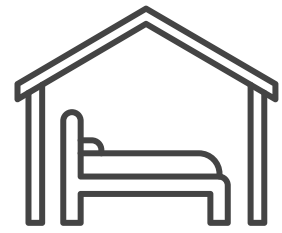
Facilities

All accommodation, meals and local transportation will be provided

Pick-up and drop-off facilities available on request



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ACCOMMODATION

Cambria Hotel, Somerville, MA

○ Rooms

Double-bed

If you need Single room, please request in advance

All rooms to be booked on the same floor with group check-in/out

○ Location

515 Somerville Ave, Somerville, MA 02143

○ Amenities



Gym



Recreational Room



Laundry



Meeting Rooms

○ Nearby

Dunkin' Donuts, Walgreen etc.



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Enrichment Program

<For all students>



Academic Skills
Building



Soft Skills
Training



Exclusive
Campus Visits



Historical
Site
Visits

Admissions Program

<For Students applying for
Senior Boarding Schools and
Colleges this year>



Admissions
Workshops



Interview
Preparation

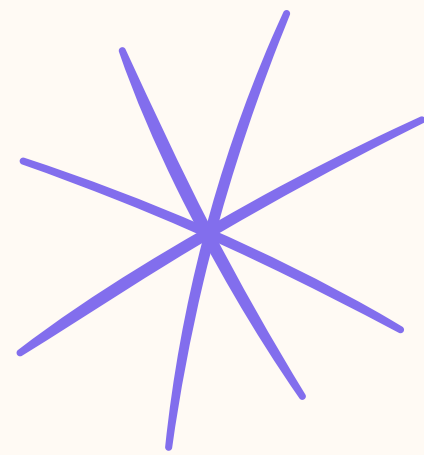


Application
Essay
Coaching



Application
Profile
Review





Enrichment Program



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Enrichment Program

Course (15-hr course) Select one from the options



**Mastering Speech
and Debate**



**Social
Entrepreneurship
Bootcamp**



**Humanities Field
Research**

Be the Voice of Influence: Mastering Speech and Debate

Highlights

- Enhance your public speaking and debating skills.
- This course will transform your communication abilities, teaching you to craft persuasive arguments, think critically, and present ideas confidently
- Designed to prepare for NSDA tournaments



Tripp Rebrovick, Ph.D (Director, Harvard Debate Council)

- Graduated from Harvard College in 2009
- Returned to Harvard in 2017 as the head coach after completing PhD in political theory at Johns Hopkins University
- Director of the Harvard Debate Council
- Manages the college policy debate team
- Teaches debate workshops around the world



Be the Voice of Influence: Mastering Speech and Debate

Course Focus

Session 1: Foundations of Persuasion (Constructing an Argument)

Session 2: Critical Thinking Skills (Learn Analysis, Reflective Thinking)

Session 3: Speech Crafting Essentials

Session 4: Research and Evidence Gathering

Session 5: Performance and Presentation (Practice Speech and Debate)

Deliverables

- Write and deliver a polished speech, demonstrating mastery in argumentation, persuasion, and public speaking
- Engage in a lively debate in the final session, showcasing your ability to construct and present persuasive arguments
- Conduct thorough research on assigned topics and effectively integrate credible evidence into your arguments.



Become a Changemaker: Social Entrepreneurship Bootcamp

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Highlights

- Immerse yourself in social entrepreneurship with this intensive boot camp.
- Learn to identify social issues, develop innovative solutions, and create sustainable business models.
- Develop your own **Social Impact Project** and pitch it! Gain insights from NGO representatives and social impact coaches to bring your ideas to life and start building your legacy.



Jessica Jin

- MEd from Harvard University
- Vice President of one of the Non-Profit Organizations in China
- Research Assistant at the Harvard EASEL Laboratory
- Research Assistant at the Harvard Interactive Development Laboratory



Nathalia Kelday

- MEd from Harvard University (Lemann Fellow with a full scholarship)
- Founder of Edstation: Positive-impact school in Brazil and the USA
- Advisor for Brazil's Ministry of Education, World Bank etc.

Exclusive
interviews and
sessions with
NGO
representatives
and Social
Entrepreneurs

Become a Changemaker: Social Entrepreneurship Bootcamp

Course Focus

Session 1: Identify Social Issues and Discover Passion (UN Sustainable Goals)

Session 2: Learn Stanford's Design Thinking Model to Convert Idea into a Project

Session 3: Learn Market Research, Validation, and Gain Expert Feedback

Session 4: Conduct Prototyping and Business Modeling

Session 5: (Pitch Demo Day) Pitching of Social Impact Projects

Deliverables

- Conduct thorough research, including surveys and interviews, to validate your social enterprise ideas
- Meet a social change expert from a leading NGO to gain professional feedback
- Develop prototypes and construct detailed business models
- Conduct presentation to persuade potential stakeholders/investors



Histories in Action: Humanities Field Research

Highlights

- Explore Boston's immigrant histories through a hands-on, five-day course.
- Delve into key neighborhoods, conduct research, and analyze data and interviews to produce a 10-page paper, multimedia portfolio, and presentation.
- This course also includes an exploration of the African American experience, providing a comprehensive understanding of Boston's multicultural history.



Ivy Deng, Ph.D

- Current Ph.D. candidate in Comparative Literature at Harvard University
- M.A. in Comparative Literature from Harvard University
- B.A./B.F.A. from Cornell University
- Over the years, Ivy has taught a wide range of writing-intensive courses at Harvard and has had the privilege of instructing students from various age groups in writing



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Histories in Action: Humanities Field Research

Syllabus

Session 1: Learn Proposal Writing and Research Planning

Session 2: Research the Chinese-American Experience through Visits and Interviews

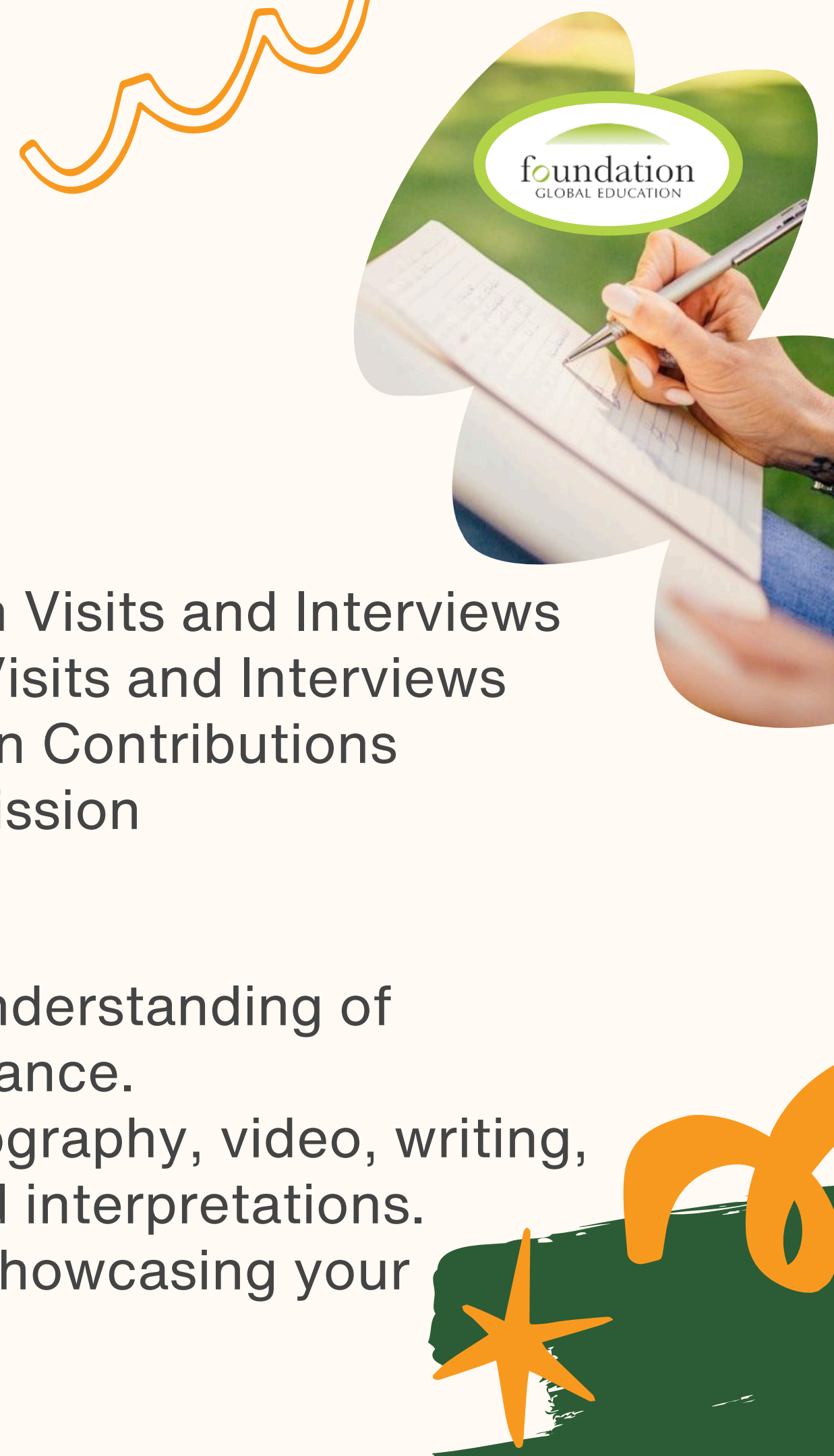
Session 3: Research the Italian-American Experience through Visits and Interviews

Session 4: Research the Jewish-American and African American Contributions

Session 5: Presentation, Reflection, and Research Paper Submission

Deliverables

- Produce a 10-page paper reflecting in-depth analysis and understanding of Boston's immigrant communities and their historical significance.
- Create a portfolio that includes various media such as photography, video, writing, and art to document and express your research findings and interpretations.
- Deliver a compelling presentation based on your research, showcasing your insights into Boston's immigrant narratives.



Enrichment Program: Exploration Opportunities

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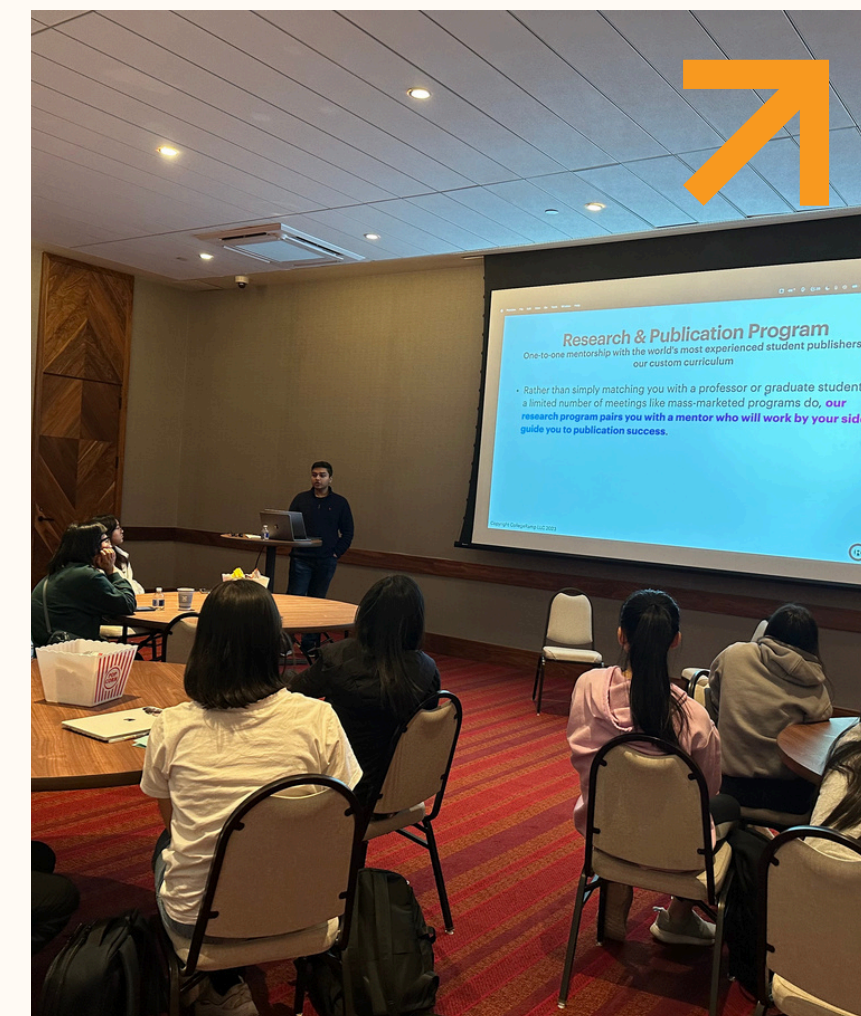
**Exclusive
Campus Visits**



**Museum
Visits**



**Social
Activities**



**Guest Speaker
Sessions**

Exclusive Campus Visits



Boston University



Boston College

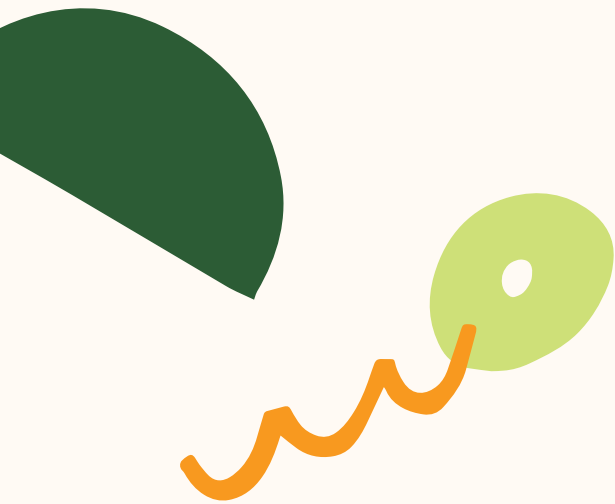


Tufts University



Brown University

*Specific Campus visits are available on request



Historical Site Visits

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Harvard Art Museum



MIT Museum



New England
Aquarium

Guest Speaker Workshops

Topics include:



Creative Writing Workshops for
Competition Submission



Leadership Skills Workshop



Study Skills Workshop



Thanksgiving Camp 2024 - Sample Schedule



	Nov 21st	Nov 22nd	Nov 23rd	Nov 24th	Nov 25th
Before 9:00	Check-in and Orientation	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
9:00-12:00		Rest	Boston City Tour	A: Humanities Field Research B: Entrepreneurship Bootcamp C: Speech and Debate	A: Humanities Field Research B: Entrepreneurship Bootcamp C: Speech and Debate
12:00-14:00		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
14:00-17:00		Orientation & Icebreaking	A: Humanities Field Research B: Entrepreneurship Bootcamp C: Speech and Debate	Museum of Science/Fine Arts	Harvard University Campus Tour
17:00-19:00		Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
19:00-21:00		Escape Room	Board Game	Movie Night	NBA game

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*Additional Sessions for Subject Tutoring / SAT/ ACT prep are available on request

Thanksgiving Camp 2024 - Sample Schedule



	Nov 26th	Nov 27th	Nov 28th (Thanksgiving)
Before 9:00	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
9:00-12:00	A: Humanities Field Research B: Entrepreneurship Bootcamp C: Speech and Debate	A: Humanities Field Research B: Entrepreneurship Bootcamp C: Speech and Debate	Rest
12:00-14:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
14:00-17:00	MIT Campus Tour	Workshop: Creative Writing	Thanksgiving Celebration & Dinner
19:00-21:00	Trivia Night	Bowling Night	Rest

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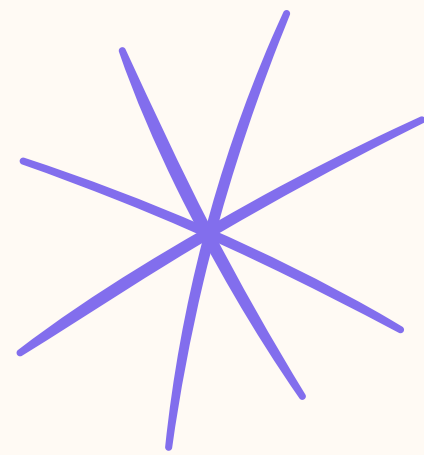


	Nov 29th	Nov 30th	Dec 1st	Dec 2nd
Before 9:00	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Check-out
9:00-12:00	Workshop- Leadership	Workshop- Goal Setting	Closing Ceremony	
12:00-14:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
14:00-17:00	Shopping	Outdoor event	Aquarium Visit	
17:00-19:00	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
19:00-21:00	Rest	Charades Night	Check-out	

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Admissions Bootcamp



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Admission Program



**Workshops by
Former Admission
Officers**



**Essay Coaching
by Admission
Experts**



**Application
Review and
Interview Prep**



**Essay Editing
Support**



College Admissions Workshops

Highlights

- **Mock Admissions Workshop** will give insights into the application review process by an admission officer - how do AOs review transcripts, activity list and essays
- **College Essay Workshop** will touch upon the nuances of crafting a successful personal statement from an admission officer's perspective
- **Interview Prep Workshop** will discuss techniques for handling alumni interviews and common interview questions
- **Supplement Essay Workshop** will provides students an understanding of how to write successful 'Why Major', 'Why School' essays
- **University of California Essay Writing Workshop** will offer insights on successful UC essays, emphasizing the do's and don'ts.
- **Common App Review Workshop** will cover activity list writing, how to best present information on common app



Courtney Minden

- Admissions Strategist
- Former Admission Officer of Tufts University and Babson College
- M.Ed from Harvard University
- Former Admissions Reader for Dartmouth College



Boarding School Admissions Workshops

Highlights

- **Interview Prep Workshop** delivered by former admission officer will focus on do's and don't of interviewing and learning how to respond to popular interview questions
- **Boarding School Essay Workshop** will provides students an understanding of how to write successful boarding school essays and analyse some successful essays
- **Mind Map Workshop** will teach students how to map their profile and connect the dots to craft a personal story



Ashmita Gupta

- Director of Boston Office
- Boarding School Admissions and College Admissions Consultant for 10+ years



Elizabeth Beal

- Admissions Strategist
- Former Admission Officer of Concord Academy
- M.Ed form Harvard University



Essay Coaching and Editing Support



Kevin Ma

- Graduated from Milton Academy & Bowdoin College
- Peer mentor & senior Interviewer at Bowdoin
- 8+ years experience in coaching students in writing successful admissions essays



Thanksgiving Camp Fees



US\$ (10 Nights, 11 Days) (US\$5,500) (Early Bird Registration Discount Available)

The rate is inclusive of all charges except:

1. Airport Pick up and Drop off service
2. Additional Lessons requested for subject tutoring or standardised test preparation
3. Any incidentals incurred during the period of stay



Flexible Rate

US\$600 per day subject to the following conditions:

1. Minimum booking for 4 nights

****Depending on special circumstances, flexible rates are available**



Safety Measures



- The adult supervisors will stay in the hotel with the students
- The majority of the rooms will be booked on the same floor
- Adult supervisors will have the right to conduct room check-in at any time
- Students will not be allowed to leave the hotel premises without adult supervision
- Students can only use transportation facilities assigned by the team



Thanksgiving Camp 2023 Recap



Video recap of our Thanksgiving Camp 2023

