



THANKSGIVING

CAMP 2025

Boston, USA

Thanksgiving Camp Recap (2023, 2024)



Academic Coursework



Exclusive Campus Visits



Meal Time



Team Building and Social Events





We are back!

The Foundation Global Education USA Team is back with another 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 project-based learning and fun outdoor activities.



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Thanksgiving Camp 2025

Dates

Nov 21-Dec 1 (10 Nights, 11 Days)

*can request early check-in/check out

Location

Cambria Hotel, Somerville, MA

For Students: Grade 6-12

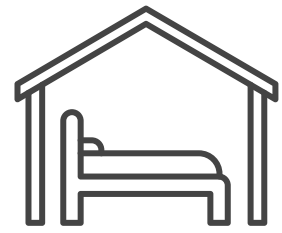
Facilities

All accommodation, meals, and local transportation will be provided

Additional Service: Pick-up and drop-off facilities available on request



Thanksgiving Camp 2025 ✨



ACCOMMODATION

Cambria Hotel, Somerville, MA

○ Rooms

Double-bed

If you need Single room, please request in advance

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

○ Location

515 Somerville Ave, Somerville, MA 02143

○ Amenities



Gym



Recreational Room



Laundry (Free)



Study Areas

○ Nearby

Dunkin' Donuts, Walgreen etc. (1 min walking distance)



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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

(every student can select upto 2 options)



**Speech and Debate
Course**



**AI Exploration
Course**



**Entrepreneurship
Bootcamp**



**Creative Writing
Course**



Be the Voice of Influence: Mastering Speech and Debate

Highlights

- Learn the art of structured argumentation, critical thinking, and effective communication.
- Explore the fundamental principles of debating, develop the ability to analyze complex issues, and construct persuasive arguments
- Hone verbal and research skills



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

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



Be the Voice of Influence: Mastering Speech and Debate

Course Focus

Session 1: The Art of Giving Speeches: From Idea to Outline

Session 2: Speech Mastery: Delivery, Feedback, & Revision

Session 3: Debate Fundamentals: Case Building & Rebuttal

Session 4: Debate in Action: Strategy, Practice & Tournament

Deliverables

- Hone skills in building logical cases, analyzing opposing arguments
- Learn to give and receive constructive feedback, collaborate strategically with a team
- Practice 2-3 debates
- Participate in a final debate



Become a Changemaker: Entrepreneurship Bootcamp



Highlights

- Explore the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in teams and chose one to work on.
- Use the Double Diamond framework to brainstorm and define the social problem and design a solution.
- Apply branding principles with colors, typography and icons to create an appealing visual identity.



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.



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Course Focus

Session 1: Problem Identification and Solution Ideation

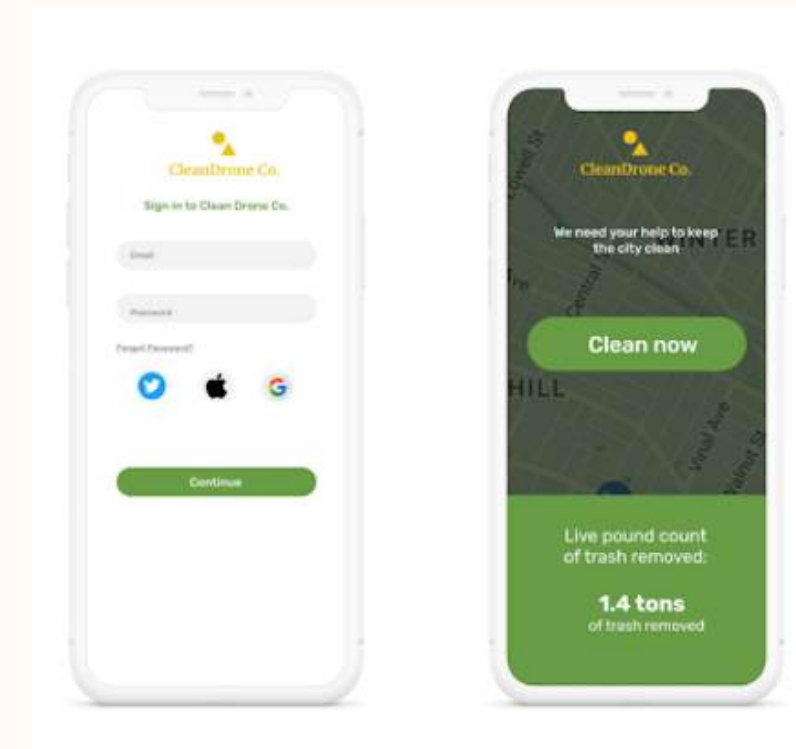
Session 2: Visual Identity and Prototyping

Session 3: Prototype Pitch Crafting and Storytelling

Session 4: Final Presentation and Feedback

Deliverables

- Design and animate an interactive app prototype using interface design principles.
- Craft a short, high-impact presentation with best practices in storytelling and delivery.
- Present the venture to family and friends, face a Shark Tank-style jury, and earn a certificate.



AI Explorers Bootcamp

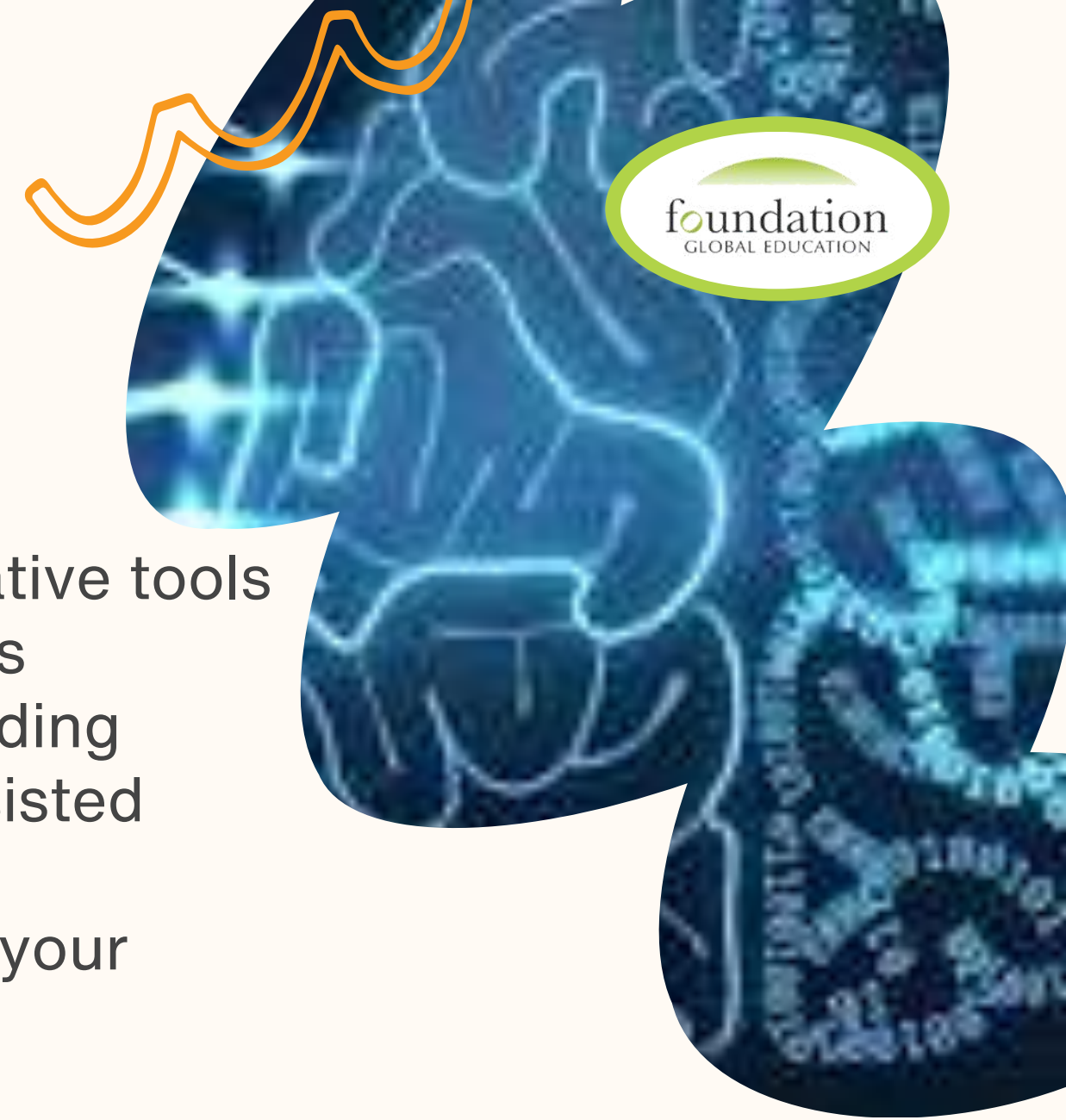
Highlights

- Interactive AI Demos: See AI in action with chatbots, games, and creative tools
- Learn How AI Works: From language models to real-world applications
- Hands-On Projects: Build your own chatbot or AI game using Vibe Coding
- Creative Coding: Learn the evolution from traditional coding to AI-assisted “Vibe Coding”
- Showcase & Pitch: Present your AI project to peers and demonstrate your innovation

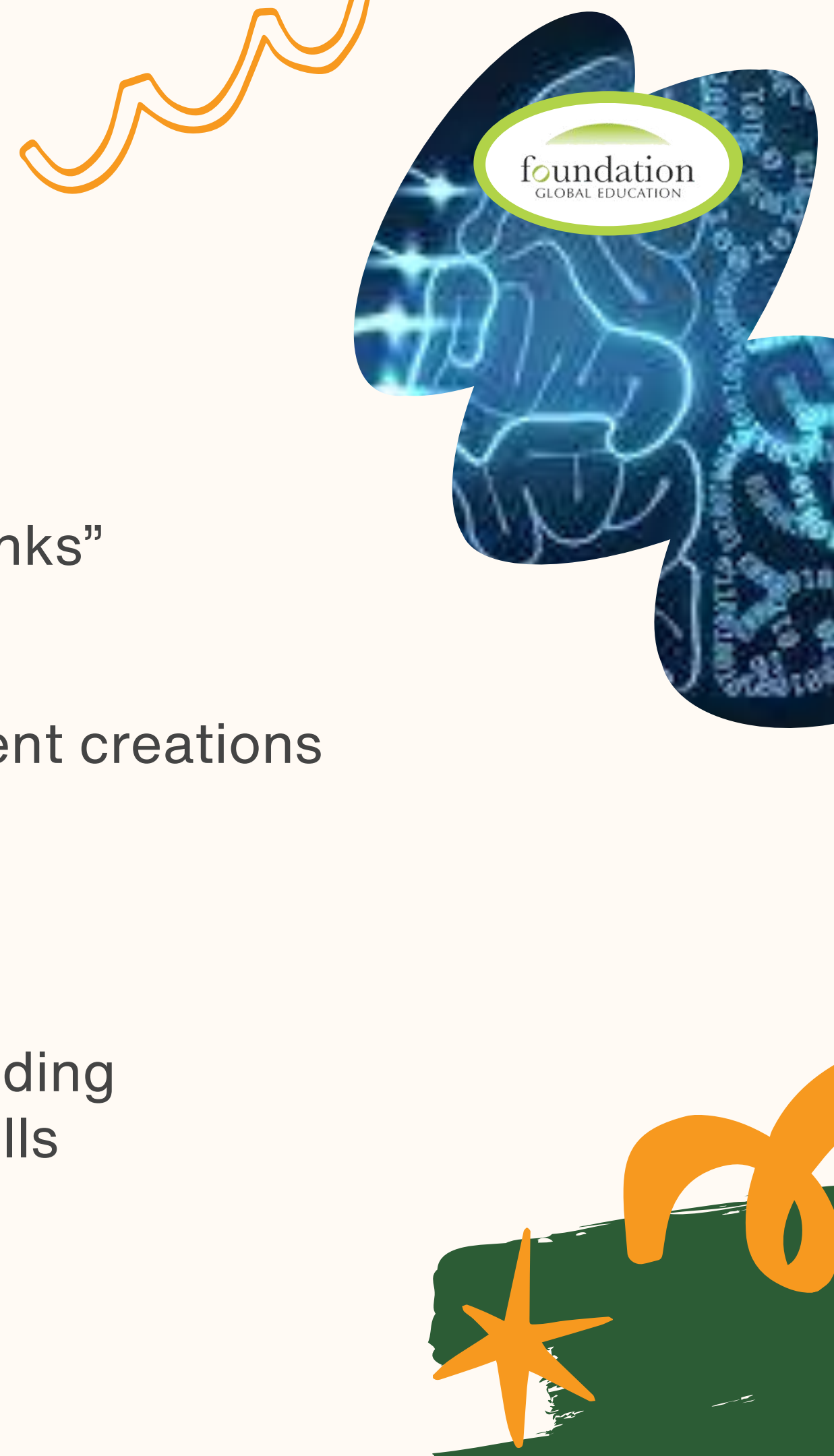


Kevin Zhu

- Ph.D. Candidate at Harvard University, researching Language Models and their interaction with humans
- Ex-Google, worked in Deepmind, developed Language model agent to help people negotiate in the market
- Experience with teaching students AI at Harvard Summer Courses



AI Explorers Bootcamp



Syllabus

Session 1: Introduce AI, spark curiosity, and explore how AI “thinks”

Session 2: Explore AI in action and start project planning

Session 3: Build and implement projects using Vibe Coding

Session 4: Finalize projects, practice communication, and present creations

Deliverables

- Students understand AI fundamentals and language models
- Students create their own chatbot or AI game using Vibe Coding
- Students develop teamwork, creativity, and presentation skills
- Students experience AI coding in a fun, hands-on way

Creative Writing

Highlights

- Learn how to draft, edit, and revise with a given prompt for writing competition
- Review winning pieces and example paragraphs from selected genres
Assess and improve style, diction, syntax, voice, and tone in their writing
- Describe and effectively produce the central elements of their chosen genres



Ivy Deng, Ph.D

- Ph.D. 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



Creative Writing

Syllabus

Session 1: Brainstorming & Foundational Building

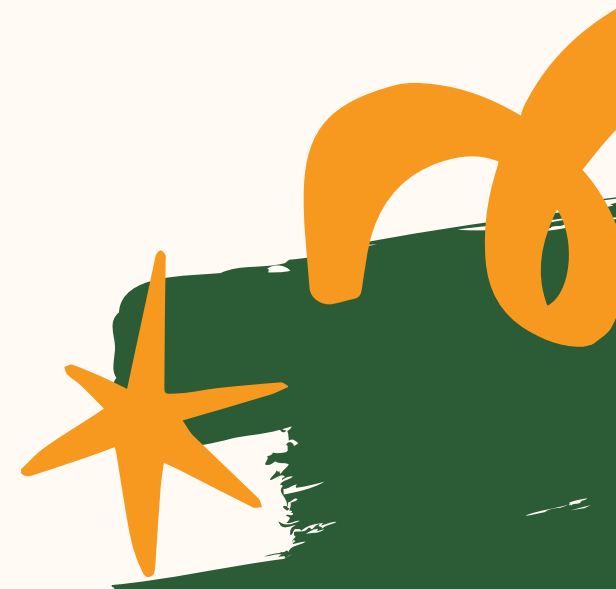
Session 2: Drafting & Crafting Scenes

Session 3: Character, Dialogue & Pacing

Session 4: Conclusions, Editing & Final Draft

Deliverables

- Master foundational skills like brainstorming, outlining, and drafting, moving from a blank page to a structured narrative
- Learn to write strong openings, build vivid scenes with sensory details, and create endings that provide resonance and impact
- Write and revise a piece of fiction or nonfiction that is ready to be submitted to programs, schools, and/or competitions



Enrichment Program: Exploration Opportunities

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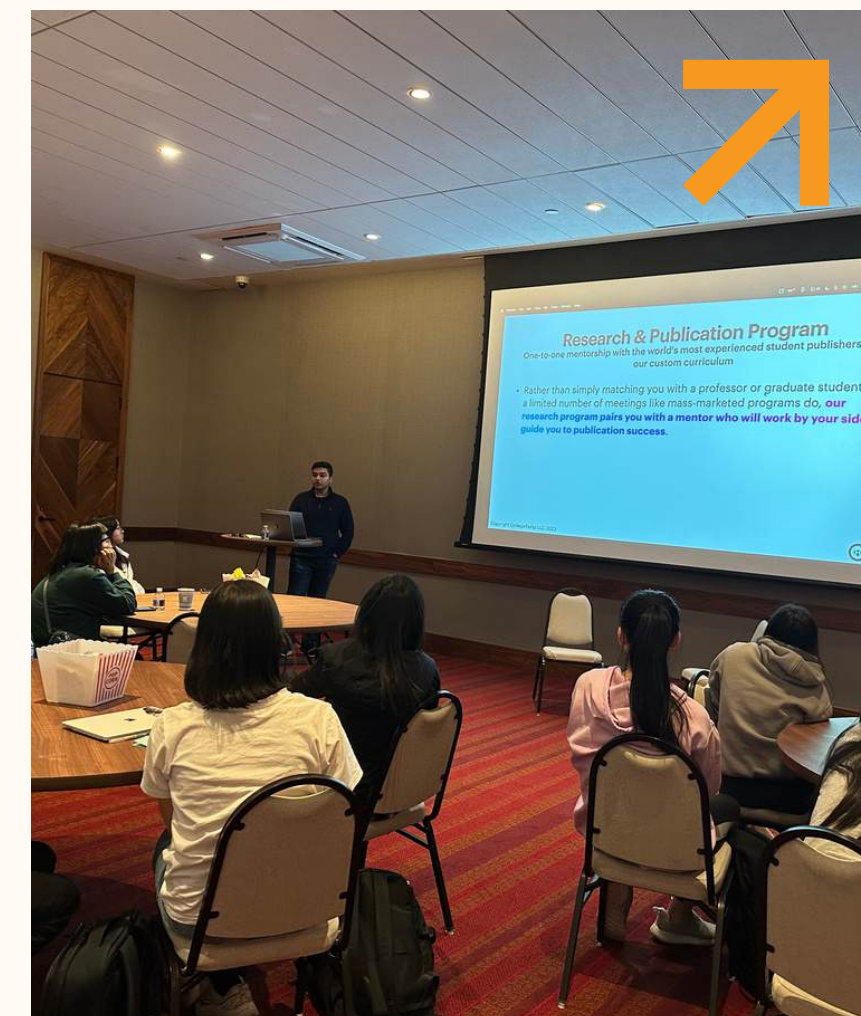
**Exclusive
College Campus
Visits**



**Museum
Visits**



**Social
Activities**



**Guest Speaker
Sessions**

Exclusive Campus Visits



*Specific Campus visits
are available on request

Harvard University



Tufts University

Boston College

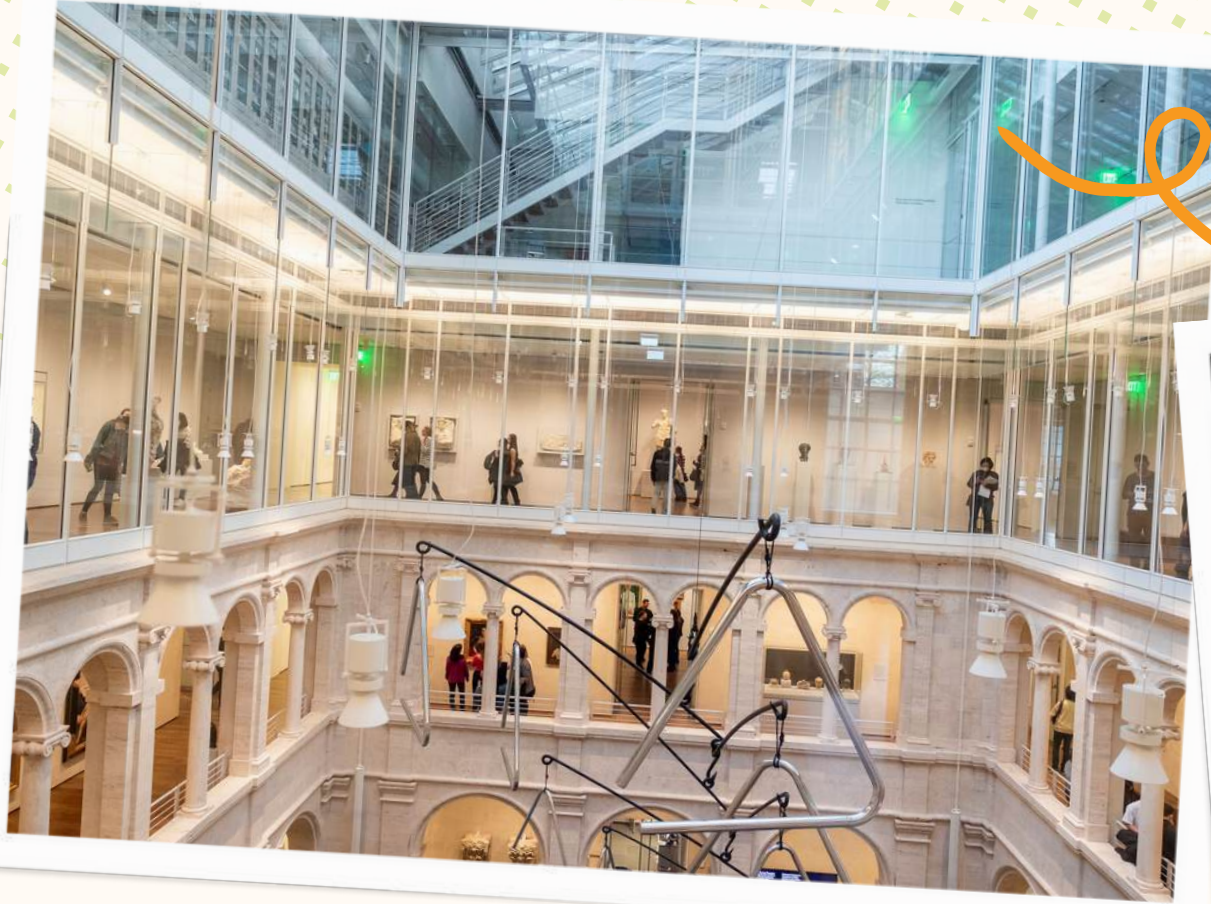


MIT



Historical Site Visits

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Harvard Art Museum



MIT Museum



New England
Aquarium

Guest Speaker Workshops

Topics include:



Leadership Skills Workshop



Study Skills Workshop



Thanksgiving Camp 2025 - Sample Schedule



	Nov 21st	Nov 22nd	Nov 23rd	Nov 24th	Nov 25th
Before 9:30	Check-in and Orientation	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
9:30-11:30		Rest	Course I	Course I	Course I
12:00-13:00		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13:00-15:00		Outdoor Activities	Boston City Tour	Museum / Campus Tour	Site Visit / Campus Tour
16:00-18:00			Course II	Course II	Course II
18:00-19:00		Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
19:00-21:00		Escape Room	Board Game	Movie Night	NBA game

*The above itinerary is for reference only. The final itinerary may be slightly adjusted based on actual circumstances

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

Thanksgiving Camp 2025 - Sample Schedule



Nov 27th

Breakfast

Rest

Lunch

Boston City Events

Thanksgiving Celebration Dinner!!



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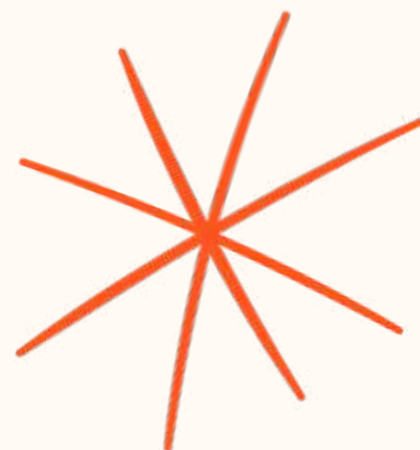


	Nov 26th		Nov 28th	Nov 29th	Nov 30th	Dec 1st
Before 9:30	Breakfast	Nov 27th Thanksgiving	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
9:30-11:30	Course I		Workshop	Workshop	Closing Ceremony/ Activity	Check-out
12:00-13:00	Lunch		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
13:00-15:00	Campus Tour / Activity		Shopping	Outdoor Events/ Relax	Freedom Trail / Aquarium	
15:30-18:00	Course II					
18:00-19:00	Dinner		Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
19:00-21:00	Bowling Night		Movie Night	Movie Night	Movie Night	

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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**

SAT Sessions Available on Request

College Admissions Workshops

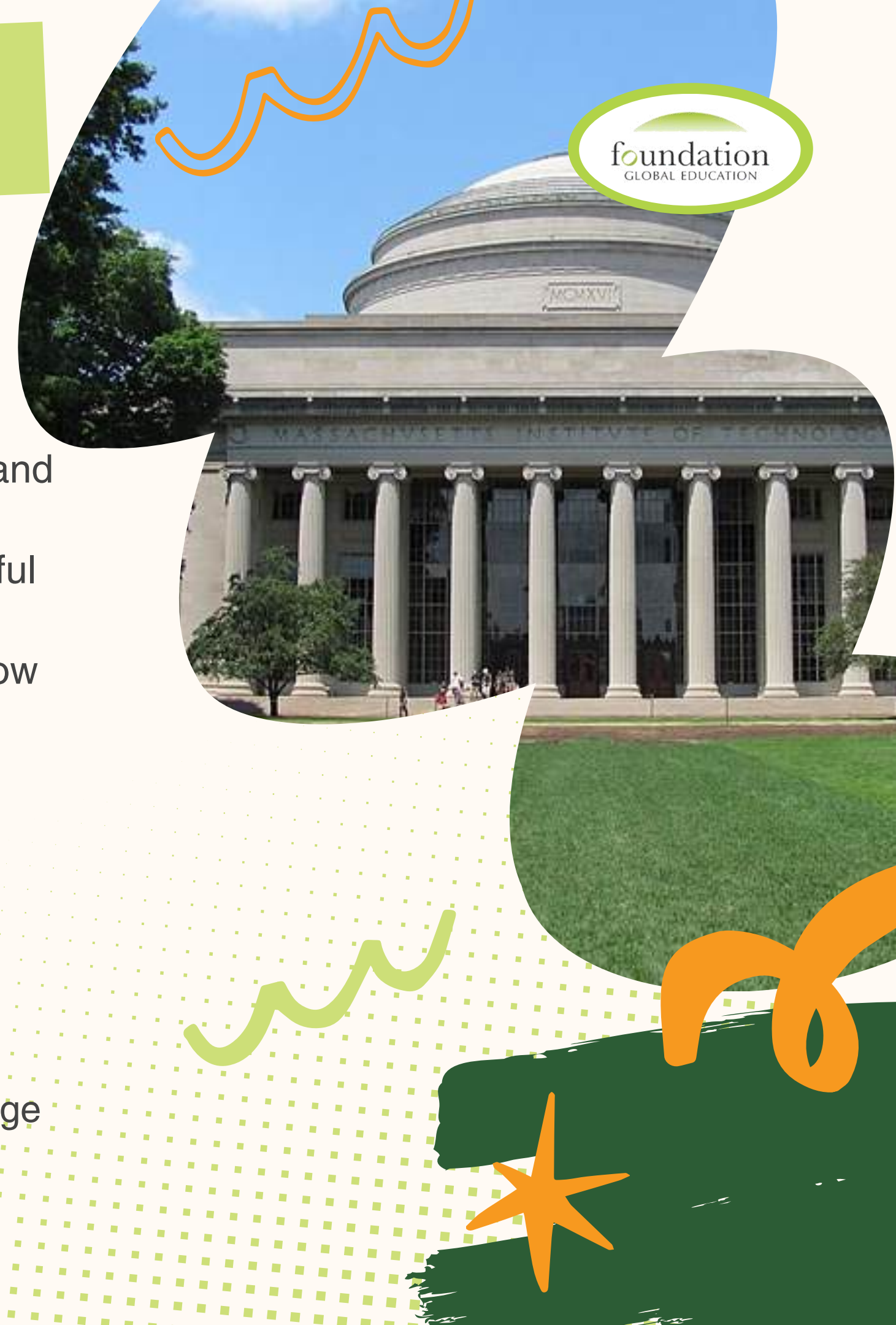
Highlights

- **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
- **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



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



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Thanksgiving Camp Fees





US\$5,700 (10 Nights, 11 Days)

(Early Bird Registration Discount Available)

(inclusive of accommodation, meals, outdoor events, 2 courses, 24x7 supervision)

The rate does not cover:

1. Airport Pick-up and Drop-off service (can request in advance)
 2. Additional Lessons requested for subject tutoring or standardised test preparation (can request in advance)
 3. Any incidentals incurred during the period of stay
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Thanksgiving Camp Fees



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
- All 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



Student Feedback



Student M: As a senior in high school, this Thanksgiving camp was a perfect productive getaway from all the ongoing stress in school. I met some of the most interesting people, who I soon became good friends with. I highly recommend signing up for this short Thanksgiving experience.

Student N: Foundation's Thanksgiving camp was amazing. I especially appreciated the friendly staff, teachers, and organizers. I felt like I belonged, fit in with everyone as the entire community was both kind and open to offer assistance. All the activities and courses were engaging and educational. Thanks!

