

# Duke TIP

Opportunity. For Life.

The Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving academically gifted youth. As a world leader in gifted and talented education, Duke TIP works with students, their parents, and educators to identify, recognize, challenge, engage, and help students reach their highest potential.

TIP's nationally recognized educational opportunities for gifted students include:

- Talent searches to identify and support gifted youth.
- Dynamic educational experiences on the Duke University campus, throughout the United States, and abroad.
- Independent and distance learning opportunities.
- Resources for parents and educators.

## TALENT SEARCHES

Since 1980, more than 2.5 million gifted youth have explored the heights of their abilities through Duke TIP's two annual talent searches. These talent searches help gifted students and their families learn more about where a student stands in relation to peers and what level of educational challenge is appropriate. Duke TIP reached nearly 97,000 students through these talent searches during the 2014-2015 academic year.

The **4th–6th Grade Talent Search** encourages high-potential youth to challenge themselves and begin focusing on their future while learning that developing their intelligence can be fun and fulfilling. It also provides parents with information to help their children develop their talents during a pivotal growth stage.

The **7th Grade Talent Search** identifies academically qualified students and invites them to complete college entrance examinations (ACT or SAT) alongside high-school students. Students are formally recognized for their test scores, provided with detailed information about their abilities, and introduced to a network of academic opportunities and resources.

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Duke TIP offers exceptional educational programs designed to meet the intellectual and social needs of academically talented students. Duke TIP courses feature a low teacher-to-student ratio; a high level of personal attention; an intense, accelerated pace; interactive, inquiry-based learning that focuses on real-world challenges; and engaging social experiences within a community of motivated peers. 90% of TIP's instructors hold or are working toward an advanced degree.

**CRISIS** (grades 5–6) is Duke TIP's first week-long residential program for participants in the 4th–6th Grade Talent Search. CRISIS challenges students to build leadership and teamwork skills as they collaborate to solve a community crisis.

**eStudies** (grades 7–11) is an interactive, online distance learning program that takes place during the summer. Students connect with instructors in virtual classrooms while learning course material with classmates from around the world.

**Independent Learning** (grades 4–12) provides challenging options for independent study, anytime, anywhere. Courses come in a variety of formats, and allow students to pursue subjects at their own pace.



**Academic Adventures** (grades 5–6) and **Scholar Weekends** (grades 8–11) are one- and two-day intensive courses, held throughout Duke TIP's region. These weekend programs help students sharpen their academic skills and explore pathways to college majors and careers.

**Summer Studies Programs** (grades 7–10) and **Field Studies** (grades 9–12) are summer residential programs held on college campuses in the United States and China, as well as field study locations around the world. Programs offer advanced level courses in challenging and inspiring settings.

## RESOURCES

**Research** is an important focus of Duke TIP. Through research, the organization strives to improve the education experience and academic development of gifted students. Research also informs Duke TIP's program design and development.

The **Digest of Gifted Research**, a free online resource, helps parents understand the educational and developmental challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for their gifted children.

Through **financial aid**, Duke TIP is committed to helping gifted and talented students regardless of their financial circumstances. Assistance is available to students with demonstrated need for most Duke TIP programs, thanks in large part to Duke TIP donors. Become a donor at [www.tip.duke.edu/give](http://www.tip.duke.edu/give).

The **Educational Opportunity Guide** is a comprehensive online directory of summer and academic year educational programs maintained by Duke TIP.

**Rosetta Stone® Foundations through Duke TIP** (grades 4–12) allows students to learn and practice languages by purchasing a one-year subscription to a special K–12 edition of Rosetta Stone products at a highly competitive price.

The **Summer Institute for Educators** is a professional development program that allows educators who work with gifted learners to study the problems and solutions of differentiating curriculum for their students.

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Challenge the mind.

Tap into resources.