



Frequently Asked Questions

Who is GIV for?

GIV is for any Vermont 9th-11th grader with a **passion** for or particular interest in arts, engineering, current issues and activism, math, science, technology, or entrepreneurship. Students who enjoy GIV tend to have a strong **intellectual** or **artistic** curiosity, possess academic skills equal to or above their grade level, and function well in a highly **independent** learning environment. Institutes select students based on their application answers and referrals, not their grades. (Due to the demands of its curriculum, the Math Institute may have additional academic requirements.) Ability to pay doesn't matter.

What is GIV like?

Although each Institute is **unique**, they share certain characteristics. They're all residential, so you get to live on a college campus with other students your age. They all focus on **hands-on** learning, so there's some time spent in lectures but also lots of time to work on individual or team projects that you choose. They all feature multi-generational learning, which means that you're making discoveries side-by-side with professional **experts** and **friends**. And, best of all, they're all community-oriented, which means everyone—faculty, staff, and students alike—actively collaborates to create an experience that's **exhilarating, empowering**, and the foundation for long-lasting **friendships**.

Is there a cost?

GIV is committed to being **affordable** for every student! We use a sliding scale tuition so that you pay only what is comfortable. The remainder is covered by an Agency of Education grant and many, many generous supporters who care about Vermont's young people.

How do I apply?

Starting February 1, 2020, visit our website at giv.org to apply online or download an application, or get one from the GIV school contact at your school (usually someone in the guidance department or principal's office). There's also a list of school contacts on our website at www.giv.org/schoolcontacts.

How can I help my friends attend GIV?

You can do two things to help more people experience GIV. First, donations keep GIV affordable for everyone. Tax-deductible gifts can be made to GIV, 20 West Canal Street, Suite C5, Winooski, VT 05404, or online at www.giv.org/support. Second, **tell your friends about GIV!**

Do you live in Vermont?

Then you can afford a Governor's Institute!

Our mission includes being accessible and affordable for all Vermont students, and that means you! Check out our sliding scale tuition online and if you need a scholarship, be sure to tell us.

Supercharge your PLP with GIV! Read more at giv.org/plp.

"GIV was a very unique, hands-on experience for me that I would have never been able to experience in a classroom. Being able to learn directly from college professionals and experts in their fields was fabulous."

— Recent GIV Student



and many other generous donors.

Thank you to all who make GIV possible!



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Environmental Science & Technology

*University of Vermont, Burlington, VT
July 5 – July 11*

Investigate and help solve the mysteries of Vermont's landscape in this week-long "environmental CSI." You're a specialist collecting, analyzing, and interpreting pollution data from local communities using professional-grade laboratory and field instrumentation. What's in our air, water, and soil, and what are the impacts for public and environmental health? What solutions will you propose? *College credit available.*



Astronomy

*NVU - Lyndon Campus, Lyndonville, VT
July 19 – July 25*

Love the stars? Bring your intellectual curiosity and passion for STEM to this exciting Institute that combines art with math and physics. You'll spend late nights exploring the skies with some of Vermont's most powerful telescope equipment, conduct original hands-on research into the unsolved mysteries of space, develop an aesthetic, historic, and scientific context for your findings, and consider careers for people who love the sky.



Engineering

*Norwich University, Northfield, VT
July 5- July 11*

Get hands-on with engineering for the future at this sustainability-focused Institute led by renowned Norwich University faculty! You'll develop your own projects in energy, robotics, structural, or environmental engineering, working to create technological solutions to some of the world's most pressing problems. You'll access professional equipment in Norwich's engineering labs, tour industry leaders alongside expert mentors, and build bridges to your scholastic future and potential careers.



Arts

*Castleton University, Castleton, VT
June 28 – July 12*

Amplify your creativity and artistic promise at GIV's largest and most vibrant Institute! Join professional artists and talented students from throughout Vermont in an exciting learning community, overflowing with creative energy, collaboration and inspiration. You'll develop in-depth skills in media of your choice (such as music, dance, writing, theater, painting, sculpture, film AND MORE!) and discover potential careers in the arts, surrounded by people who love to create as much as you!



* NEW * The Governor's School

*Norwich University, Northfield, VT
July 12 - July 19*

Double up your learning at GIV's brand new Governor's School, where the focus is the topic you choose plus leadership training!

You have four topics to choose from - we're currently planning Criminal Investigations, Architecture and Building, and Writing options - plus one more to be determined by popular student vote! Mornings will be spent diving deep into your field with expert faculty, and afternoons will teach you to leverage your unique talents and traits as a leader. GIV alumni are especially encouraged to apply. Learn more and cast your vote at www.giv.org/governors.

Health & Medicine

*Norwich University, Northfield, VT
July 19 - July 25*

The world of health care is exploding with life-saving health and medical advances. Step into this critically important field and dive deep into hands-on medical and health applications ranging from suture and dissection to detecting large-scale disease patterns. You'll experiment with patient care and diagnostics, lead your own laboratory work, and be mentored by health professionals and current med students. Produced in partnership with Vermont AHEC.



Entrepreneurship

*Vermont Technical College, Randolph, VT
June 27 – July 2*

Have a great idea for a business or start-up? Do you want to be your own boss one day? We have an incubator just for you! Guided by a winning team of successful entrepreneurs and experts, you will learn skills such as marketing, product development, business strategy, and how to build your dream team. This Institute will have you leveraging your own unique talents and passions to propel you to future success. *College credit available.*



Technology, Design & Coding

*Champlain College, Burlington, VT
June 20 – June 28*

Dive into all things technology! At this Institute, you get access to the state-of-the-art equipment, hardware, and software you've dreamed about, and learn from professionals at the forefronts of their fields. Choose your own focus area: game design, 3D modeling, microcontrollers, interactive storytelling, visual communication, and more! Discover how with emerging technologies, you can change the world.

The Kenneth I. Gross and Anthony Trono Governor's Institute on

Mathematical Sciences

*University of Vermont, Burlington, VT
June 21 – June 26*

Surround yourself with math-lovers like you at this week-long festival of mathematics! Theoretical and real-world applications of math will have you dazzled as you use your hands and brain to take on world-class mathematical challenges and enjoy advanced lectures by renowned mathematicians. You will also discover exciting careers for people talented in math!



Global Issues & Youth Action

*Landmark College, Landmark, VT
June 27 – July 6*

Get empowered and inspired in this ten-day leadership workshop-focused on global issues and the power individuals have to create change. Bring your passions, share your knowledge, and join other young people from around the world in shaping solutions to vital social and environmental issues.



Winter Weekends

*Goddard College, Plainfield, VT
February 7-9 and February 21-23*

Can't wait for summer? Join one of our exciting Winter Weekends for a taste of all that GIV has to offer! These short, immersion Institutes offer a wide variety of topics to dive into. Applications open in December and close mid-January for these one-of-a-kind experiences, so don't wait! Learn more at www.giv.org/winterweekend.

