

## SUMMER 2025 STUDENT & PARENT COMMITMENT AGREEMENT

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### Welcome and Objectives

We are delighted that you have selected the Wharton Global Youth Program for your summer learning experience.

The Wharton Global Youth Program leverages the vast resources of the Wharton academic community to educate and inspire high school students. Our programs encourage students to explore business practices, analyze complex global challenges, and take the first steps toward becoming future leaders who will shape the global economy.

Wharton Global Youth students benefit from a partnership between The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and Musiker Discovery Programs, Inc. (referred to as Summer Discovery). All academic components of programs are exclusively developed, taught, and managed by The Wharton School. Summer Discovery oversees administrative and residential aspects of the program, including but not limited to applicant support, paperwork collection, residential staffing, student safety and supervision, and the coordination of extracurricular and social activities. This division of responsibilities enables Wharton faculty and staff to dedicate full resources to refining academic curricula and delivering an unparalleled experience for our summer high school students. Wharton retains full control over program admissions and content while closely collaborating with Summer Discovery to ensure a seamless residential experience.

This handbook provides essential guidelines and policies to ensure a safe, inclusive, and supportive pre-college experience. With decades of experience, we know students thrive with clear expectations and a strong community. These policies are designed to foster academic growth, personal development, and lasting connections.

**This handbook also reflects the shared commitment of Wharton Global Youth, Summer Discovery, program participants, and their families. Please review carefully.**

We look forward to welcoming you into our community and being part of your educational journey.

### Program Mission and Values

Our mission is to provide high school students with an authentic preview of university life in an educational, safe, and structured environment. Our program is built on five core pillars:

1. Academic Excellence: Fostering intellectual curiosity and academic growth
2. Personal Development: Building independence and decision-making skills
3. Cultural Awareness: Promoting understanding and appreciation of global perspectives
4. Community Engagement: Creating meaningful connections and shared experiences
5. Safety and Support: Ensuring a secure and nurturing environment for all participants

## Zero Tolerance Policies and Major Violations

Wharton Global Youth Program and Summer Discovery maintain strict zero-tolerance policies to ensure the safety, security, and well-being of all participants. The following violations result in immediate dismissal from the program without refund:

### Bullying, Harassment, and Discrimination

We enforce a zero-tolerance policy for any form of bullying, harassment, or discrimination.

Bullying is defined as, but not limited to:

- Physical or emotional harm to a participant or their property
- Creating a hostile environment
- Interfering with a participant's rights or experience
- Substantially disrupting the educational process

Cyberbullying includes, but is not limited to:

- Creating deceptive social media profiles
- Impersonating others online
- Distribution of embarrassing content
- Using technology to harass, threaten, or intimidate

### Substance-Related Violations:

- Possession, use, or distribution of alcohol
- Attempt to purchase alcohol, drugs, etc.
- Possession, use, or distribution of illegal drugs
- Possession of drug paraphernalia
- Presence in areas where substances are being used
- Possession of tobacco or vaping products
- Misuse of prescription medications

Safety Violations include but are not limited to:

- Physical violence or threats
- Possession of weapons or dangerous items
- Tampering with safety equipment
- Unauthorized facility access
- Creating safety hazards
- Fire safety violations
- Use of scooters
- Gambling/Betting

### Community Violations:

- Harassment or discrimination
- Sexual misconduct
- Stealing/shoplifting/theft or property damage
- Unauthorized room entry
- Unauthorized guests
- Curfew violations
- Leaving campus without permission

## Sexual Intimacy and Consent

We recognize that sexuality is a normal part of human nature, but any level of sexual intimacy can bring physical, psychological, and emotional challenges that can be overwhelming for minors. Therefore:

- Sexual intimacy between participants is strictly prohibited
- The program does not endorse or condone sexually intimate activity among participants
- Sexual activity between participants and staff is strictly prohibited
- Any sexual misconduct will result in immediate dismissal and may be reported to appropriate authorities

### Consent Guidelines:

- Consent cannot be obtained from someone who is asleep or mentally/physically incapacitated
- Consent cannot be obtained through threat, coercion, or force
- Consent may be withdrawn at any stage
- Past consent does not imply future consent

## Dismissal Protocol

Program dismissal is never a desired outcome. However, when dismissal becomes necessary due to a violation of these policies, we require the full cooperation of parents, guardians, and emergency contacts to ensure a prompt and smooth transition.

It is important to note that all program rules, policies, and procedures remain fully in effect until the official program end, including the final days and nights of the session. Even if a student is scheduled to depart the following day, any violation of program policies may result in immediate dismissal. We ask for parents' and guardians' continued support in maintaining our community standards through the very last moment of the program, as this ensures a positive conclusion to the summer experience for all participants.

When program dismissal is required:

- Parents/guardians are notified immediately
- Travel arrangements must be made within 24 hours
- Students are restricted to supervised areas pending departure
- Return transportation costs are the responsibility of family
- Personal belongings must be packed and removed
- No refund of program fees

Summer Discovery staff will support the dismissal process while maintaining program safety and security. Clear communication and swift action from all parties helps minimize disruption to both the dismissed student and the larger program community.

## Program Expectations

### General Expectations

**Full Program Participation:** Students are required to attend and actively engage in all scheduled academic classes, workshops, and enrichment activities. This includes morning and afternoon sessions, evening programs, and weekend activities. Unauthorized absences from any scheduled activity will result in disciplinary action and parent notification. For ticketed excursions, absences without proper notice may result in additional fees.

**Respectful Community Engagement:** Our community thrives on mutual respect and understanding. Students must demonstrate respect for all community members regardless of their background, beliefs, or identity. This includes using appropriate language, showing consideration for others' perspectives, and contributing to an inclusive environment. Disrespectful behavior, including but not limited to discriminatory comments, hostile actions, or exclusionary practices, will not be tolerated.

**Safety Consciousness:** Students are expected to prioritize both personal and community safety by:

- Following all campus security protocols
- Using designated pathways and crosswalks
- Traveling in groups of 2 or more as required by program policy
- Reporting any safety concerns to staff immediately
- Maintaining appropriate physical boundaries
- Following all health and wellness guidelines

**Decision-Making and Judgment:** Students must exercise sound judgment in their daily decisions, considering:

- Impact on academic performance
- Effect on community well-being
- Personal safety and the safety of others
- Program rules and guidelines
- Local laws and regulations

## **Time Management**

Learning to manage time effectively is a crucial skill for success in both the Wharton Global Youth Program and future college experiences. The transition from a structured high school environment to a more independent pre-college setting requires students to take ownership of their schedules and develop strong organizational habits. Our program is designed to help students build these essential skills while providing appropriate support and guidance. Students will learn to balance academic responsibilities, social activities, and personal time within our structured environment.

**Daily Schedule Management:** Students are responsible for:

- Setting appropriate wake-up times to arrive at morning activities punctually
- Planning adequate time for meals and personal care
- Allocating sufficient study time for academic work
- Managing free time productively
- Meeting all program deadlines and commitments

**Punctuality Requirements:** Students must:

- Arrive at all classes at least 5 minutes before start time
- Return from breaks promptly
- Meet prescribed curfew times without exception
- Attend all mandatory meetings and activities on time
- Sign in at designated times throughout the day

**Academic-Social Balance:** The program requires students to:

- Complete all academic assignments before participating in optional social activities
- Attend all academic support sessions when assigned
- Participate in structured study groups when recommended
- Use weekend time effectively for both academics and social activities

## **Academic Standards and Integrity**

### **Class Attendance and Participation**

Students must maintain a consistent record of attendance and engagement in all academic activities. This includes:

- Arriving on time and prepared with all necessary materials and completed assignments
- Contributing meaningfully to class discussions
- Taking detailed notes during lectures and presentations

- Engaging respectfully with instructors and peers
- Completing all in-class exercises and group work
- Adhering to all classroom policies set by the instructor(s) such as: technology policy, food/drink policy

*Students are required to attend all academic classes and related academic activities unless they are medically excused by a Summer Discovery nurse and/or are scheduled to see a doctor.*

## Coursework Requirements

Each course has specific academic requirements that must be met:

- Reading assignments must be completed before each class session
- Written assignments must be submitted by designated deadlines
- Group projects require active participation and collaboration from all members
- Final presentations or projects must be completed as scheduled
- Additional assignments specified by instructors must be fulfilled to achieve the program certificate
- Laptops are required for programming

## Academic Accommodations

Wharton Global Youth is committed to supporting the educational needs of students and can provide academic accommodation, with proper documentation. To ensure appropriate arrangements, all requests must be clearly documented in writing on the Medical Form, including details of educational requirements and needs.

Please note that academic instructors and faculty cannot arrange accommodation directly. Requests must be submitted through the Medical Form to allow sufficient time for processing and approval.

## Academic Honor Code

### Plagiarism

Students must abide by the University of Pennsylvania's [Code of Academic Integrity](#), which states a student's work must be their own, and not be plagiarized from any source. The following constitute plagiarism and are strictly prohibited:

- Copying text directly from any source without proper citation
- Paraphrasing without acknowledging the original source
- Submitting work created by another person
- Using previously submitted work without permission
- Sharing assignments with other students
- Purchasing or acquiring papers from any source

### Cheating

Cheating includes but is not limited to:

- Fabricating data or research results
- Using unauthorized materials to complete assignments or assessments
- Copying from another student's work
- Using electronic devices without permission during assignments/assessments
- Having another person complete work on your behalf

## Consequences for Academic Dishonesty

- Any form of academic dishonesty will result in disciplinary action
- Incidents will be reported to program administration and parents/guardians
- Serious or repeated violations may result in dismissal from the program

- No refund will be provided in cases of dismissal for academic dishonesty
- Academic dishonesty may be noted in program completion records

## Artificial intelligence Usage

The Wharton Global Youth Program embraces generative artificial intelligence (AI) technology as a valuable tool but emphasizes its responsible use. If used properly, these tools may aid idea generation, but may produce inaccurate, incomplete, or otherwise problematic content, or stifle students' independent thinking and creativity.

At the discretion of instructors, students may use generative AI tools as follows:

- All AI tools (including ChatGPT, Claude, and similar) must be disclosed to instructors before use in assignments
- AI may be used for brainstorming and editing only with explicit instructor permission
- Submitting AI-generated content as original work is considered plagiarism and will result in disciplinary action
- Students must maintain proper documentation of any approved AI usage, including prompts and content generated
- The program reserves the right to use AI detection tools to ensure academic integrity

Review the full Wharton Global Youth Program [Statement of AI Use](#) for further details.

## Grading and Certificates

- All Wharton Global Youth Programs, except for the Management & Technology Summer Institute (M&TSI), offer a Certificate of Completion, emphasizing a rich learning experience without the pressure of grades, credits, or evaluations. Our programs encourage curiosity, collaboration, and intellectual exploration.
  - M&TSI participants receive a final grade and will earn college credits, which will appear on a University of Pennsylvania undergraduate transcript.
- To receive a Certificate of Completion, students must:
  - Maintain satisfactory attendance in all academic activities, classes, and projects
  - Participate in all required academic excursions
  - Actively engage in academic activities, including contributing to class discussions, asking questions, collaborating with peers, and participating in final projects
  - Complete all coursework and final presentations/projects by stated deadlines
  - Maintain good standing in the program community

## Campus Life and Residential Guidelines

Living in a university residence hall is often a student's first experience sharing living space and being part of a broader residential community. This transition presents both exciting opportunities and important responsibilities. Our residential program is designed to help students develop independence, build community, and learn essential life skills while ensuring their safety and comfort.

### Room Assignments and Community Living

Living with a roommate may be a new experience for many participants. While it is not necessary for roommates to be best friends, students are expected to be open-minded, honest, and considerate of one another. Respect for roommates' private property, privacy, and sleep needs are essential elements of a harmonious residence hall life.

Students are carefully matched or housed with mutually requested roommate(s) based on submitted preferences and lifestyle questionnaires. Due to the brief duration of the program, room changes are not allowed except in cases of severe duress or emergency, as determined by Program Leadership and/or the University. Students who change rooms without

approval will be required to return to their original assignments. Summer Discovery reserves the right to change a student's room assignment at any time and for any reason.

Students experiencing concerns regarding their roommate(s) must first speak with their assigned Resident Counselor or Program Director. RCs and Directors will work directly with students to provide advice, guidance and help to mediate roommate conflicts. Effective communication between roommates is important, and Resident Counselors will work with students to help them adjust to residence hall life.

## **Curfew and Evening Schedules**

High School Students must adhere to the following schedule:

- Sign in to residence hall by 10:30 PM
- Be on their assigned floor by 11:30 PM
- Be in their own rooms by 12:00 AM
- Students must sleep in their assigned rooms; no sleepovers are permitted
- Students may not leave the residence hall between 10:30 PM and 7:00 AM without permission

Violations of the curfew policy will result in disciplinary action, and repeated violations may result in dismissal from the program.

## **Noise and Quiet Hours**

All students are required to honor quiet hours as posted by the university and/or Summer Discovery residential staff. Quiet hours for study and sleep are from 10:00pm until 7:00am. All other times are courtesy hours, and noise and electronics/music should be kept at a reasonable level.

## **Residence Hall Group Visitation and Socialization**

Group visitation and socialization is permitted. If a student, regardless of gender, is visiting a traditional dorm room in which they do not reside, the door must be kept wide open, and the lights kept on. In suite-style residence halls, with multiple bedrooms and a common area, visitors are only permitted in the common areas and the door must be open and lights on. Two students, regardless of gender, are not permitted to be alone in a residence hall room/suite at any time, unless they are roommates.

Students are always prohibited from using (or entering) the restrooms of the opposite sex, including restrooms of the opposite sex inside residence hall rooms/suites.

## **Visiting Other Dorms/Residences**

Students are not permitted in any private residence on or off-campus, fraternity or sorority house, or university residence hall building except for the one(s) occupied by Wharton Summer Discovery students.

## **Room Entry, Inspection, or Search**

Summer Discovery's program directors, administrative staff, and university personnel, at their discretion, may enter and search any room and its contents, including personal possessions, at any time to:

- Verify occupancy
- Perform maintenance and repair functions
- Investigate and/or seize evidence of potential illegal activity or violations of university or program regulations
- Conduct health and fire safety inspections
- Address any situation the university and/or Summer Discovery, in its discretion, deems necessary to protect its interests or the general welfare of one or more of its students

All personnel are required to lock the door to student rooms when they depart, even if it was found to be unlocked when they arrived. Students must always carry their key(s)/room cards.

## Room Maintenance and Cleanliness

Maintaining a clean and organized living space promotes health, responsibility, and respect for shared environments. Students must:

### Room Configuration and Furniture:

- All university-provided furniture must remain in the room
- Furniture may not be removed, relocated, or rearranged under any circumstances
- Beds must remain in their original configuration and location
- Damaged furniture or university property will result in potential charges to the student at the university's discretion
- Clear pathways and fire exits must be maintained at all times

### Daily Maintenance:

- Make beds and organize personal items daily
- Empty trash regularly into designated receptacles
- Keep food properly stored in sealed containers
- Report maintenance issues promptly
- Participate in weekly room inspections
- Clean shared bathroom facilities after each use

### Room Decorations:

- Wall decorations may only be affixed using non-damaging materials (painter's tape, command strips, etc.)
- No nails, screws, thumbtacks, or other permanent adhesives are permitted
- All decorations must be appropriate and aligned with program values
- Any damage to walls from decoration materials will result in charges

### End of Program Requirements:

- All personal items must be removed from the room
- Wall decorations and adhesive materials must be completely removed
- Any purchased furniture or electronic items must be taken home or properly disposed of
- Rooms must be returned to their original condition
- Failure to properly clean and restore rooms will result in cleaning fees
- Room inspection and key return required before departure

Regular room inspections may occur multiple times throughout the program without advance notice. Rooms that do not meet cleanliness standards may result in loss of privileges or other disciplinary action.

## Daily, Evening and Weekend Activities

To foster connections and explore the campus and surrounding areas, students will participate in group activities, outings, and day trips on and off-campus. Summer Discovery offers supervised evening activities and weekend excursions, both optional and all-group. A daily newsletter will provide schedules and sign-up details for events.

## Residential Counselors (RCs)

Resident Counselors (RCs) live in the dorms, providing 24/7 supervision and support outside academic programs. They host regular small-group meetings to check in, discuss challenges, and review upcoming events. Attendance and participation are required. RCs serve as support coordinators, helping students access resources, make decisions, and navigate their experience.



## Meals and Nutrition

Two meals a day Monday through Friday and two meals on Sunday (no meals on Saturday due to excursions/activities) are provided while students are on campus, at the campus dining facilities. Students are financially responsible for meals eaten off-campus, including meals when choosing optional trips such as special events, and a few weekend meals while at off-campus all-group activities. Students have the option of eating meals outside of the dining facilities at their own expense.

Any special dietary needs, eating problems, disorders and/or restrictions must be described on the Medical Form. Students must have regular intake and digestion of food. Students who exhibit behavior indicative of eating disorders (i.e., anorexia, bulimia) may be dismissed from the program.

## Health, Safety, and Wellness

Supporting student health and wellness is fundamental to ensuring a successful pre-college experience. Our comprehensive health services provide both preventive care and response to medical needs, while teaching students to manage their own health responsibilities.

### Medical Care

The program provides multiple levels of healthcare support:

- Daily access to a program nurse or urgent care
- Scheduled clinic hours for routine care
- Coordination with local medical facilities
- Transportation to medical appointments
- Medication management assistance
- Regular health monitoring
- First aid services at all program locations

### Medication Management

We maintain strict policies regarding medication storage and administration to ensure student safety.

#### Medication Requirements

- All medications (prescription, over-the-counter, supplements) must be stored in the Summer Discovery Program Health Center in the residence hall
- No medications may be kept in student rooms under any circumstances. Birth control is the only exception
- Medications found in student rooms will be confiscated and may result in disciplinary action
- All medications must be in original containers with current prescription labels
- A 30-day supply of medication is recommended for program duration
- Vitamin supplements must be listed on the Health History form and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the Director and Health Center team on-site

#### Prescription Medication Requirements

- All medication must be logged at check-in and held in the Health Center. Prescription medication will be distributed as needed by our on-campus nurse

#### Medication Administration

- Students must visit the Health Center at designated times to receive medications
- Health Center staff document all medication administration
- Changes in medication must be communicated in writing from prescribing physician
- Emergency medications (e.g., rescue inhalers, EpiPens) may be carried with prior approval

## Communicable Illness Policy

For the health and safety of our community, we have established clear protocols for managing communicable illnesses. Students may be required to isolate from program activities if they:

- Have a communicable illness
- Show symptoms of a communicable disease
- Answer affirmatively to screening questions regarding a communicable disease
- Have been exposed to an infected person or a possibly infected person
- Have traveled to certain areas where exposure is possible

If Summer Discovery determines, in its sole discretion, that such exclusion or isolation is appropriate for the welfare of that student and/or the welfare of other individuals at the program, the following protocols will be implemented:

- In reaching the decision to exclude or isolate a student, Summer Discovery may consult with appropriate medical professionals and/or the local Department of Health
- If a student tests positive for a communicable disease at any point while attending the program and Summer Discovery determines that it would be best for such student to leave the program:
  - Domestic students' parents/guardians will be required to arrange departure within 24 hours of notification
  - International students' parents/guardians will be required to arrange departure within 48 hours of notification

Prevention Measures:

- Regular health monitoring and screening
- Enhanced cleaning and sanitization protocols
- Implementation of current public health guidelines
- Isolation facilities available if needed
- Close coordination with local health authorities
- Clear communication protocols with families
- Immediate response to health concerns

Wharton Global Youth and Summer Discovery reserve the right to modify these protocols based on current public health guidance and local regulations.

## Mental Health and Wellness Support

Summer Discovery recognizes that maintaining consistent mental health care is essential for student wellbeing. We strongly encourage students who are currently receiving mental health treatment or taking prescribed medications to continue their established care routines throughout the program.

Wellness Support Guidelines:

- Families must disclose current mental health treatments and medications on the program Medical Form(s). Non-disclosure may limit our ability to support your child and could affect their program participation.
- To ensure student safety and proper medication management, we recommend all medications (including those for mental health conditions) be registered with and stored by the Site Nurse
- We encourage parents/guardians to inform Summer Discovery of any recent changes in medication or treatment that might affect a student's experience
- Students continuing care with home-based mental health providers are encouraged to schedule virtual appointments during free periods to minimize disruption to their program experience

# Technology and Communications

## Acceptable Use Policy

The role of technology in academic and social life requires responsible and ethical use. Summer Discovery's technology policies promote digital citizenship while protecting individual and community interests.

## Computer and Internet Use

Students utilizing technology on campus must:

- Respect the integrity of the university computing systems and network
- Never use programs that may damage or alter software
- Respect copyright and licensing protections
- Limit personal use to avoid interfering with other users
- Report security breaches or network issues promptly
- Pay for any damages to computing systems
- Maintain current antivirus protection on personal devices

## Prohibited Technology Activities

The following actions will result in disciplinary consequences:

- Identity theft or impersonation
- Hacking or network tampering
- Distribution of viruses or malware
- Copyright violations
- Illegal downloading of content
- Cyberbullying or online harassment
- Denial of service attacks
- Accessing inappropriate content
- Using another student's login credentials

Students are not permitted to video/audio tape or photograph any student, resident counselor, program administrator, or instructor without that individual's consent. Unauthorized video/audio taping, photographs, or web postings are grounds for dismissal from the program and may be found illegal.

## Social Media and Digital Communication

### Social Media Guidelines

Students must demonstrate responsible digital citizenship:

- Maintain appropriate content standards
- Respect privacy of other students and staff
- Obtain permission before posting photos/videos of others
- Report inappropriate online behavior
- Avoid sharing program location details
- Follow university social media policies
- Represent the program professionally

### Electronic Communication Standards

All digital communication must be:

- Professional in tone and content
- Free from harassment or bullying

- Respectful of all community members
- Compliant with academic integrity standards
- Appropriate for the educational environment
- Clear of offensive or inappropriate language
- Mindful of personal and program privacy

## Cell Phones and Mobile Devices

### Usage Guidelines

- Devices must be silenced and may not be used during academic sessions
- Photography/recording requires explicit permission
- Gaming restricted to free time only
- Volume control required in shared spaces

### Device Confiscation Policy

Summer Discovery reserves the right to temporarily confiscate student cell phones or mobile devices:

- In response to policy violations or behavioral incidents
- During investigations of program infractions
- When device use interferes with program objectives
- To ensure community safety and well-being

### Device Return Guidelines:

- Summer Discovery determines the duration of confiscation
- Return timing based on behavioral improvements and program needs
- Parents/guardians notified within a reasonable time of the confiscation
- Students receive clear expectations for device return
- During confiscation periods, parents/guardians can contact the program campus office for all communication needs with their student

## Program Policies and Procedures

### Transportation Policies

Summer Discovery prioritizes student safety in all transportation matters. Understanding and following these policies is essential for maintaining program security.

#### On-Program Transportation

- Students may only use Summer Discovery-approved transportation
- Personal vehicles are not permitted
- Public transportation or use of ride-sharing services (Uber, Lyft, Taxi, Car Service, etc.) while on the program is strictly prohibited.
- Walking boundaries ("Home Area") must be observed
- Students must travel in groups as specified by program policy
- All off-campus travel requires staff supervision and approval
- The use and/or renting of scooters on campus is strictly prohibited

#### Arrival and Departure

- Specific arrival and departure windows will be provided
- Students must adhere to designated check-in/check-out times
- Early arrivals and late departures cannot be accommodated
- Airport transportation is available for specified arrival/departure windows
- Students may only use a Ride Share (Uber, Lyft, Taxi, Car Service) on arrival and departure day if specified on the Transportation Form

- All students must provide detailed travel itineraries
- Travel delays must be communicated to program staff immediately

## Visitors and Guest Policy

To maintain program security and community cohesion, Wharton Global Youth and Summer Discovery maintain strict visitor policies.

### Authorized Visitors

- All campus visitors (including parents/guardians) must be pre-authorized through the [prepforsummer.com](https://prepforsummer.com) dashboard under Forms at least 24 hours before the planned visit.
- Parents/Guardians must complete the visitor authorization form for any individual planning to visit their student
- Visitors must check in at the Summer Discovery office and present valid photo identification
- Visits are restricted to common areas only; residence hall rooms are not accessible to visitors
- Staff reserve the right to deny visitor access at their discretion

### Off-Campus & Sign-Out Procedures

- Students may only leave campus with authorized visitors who have been pre-approved through [prepforsummer.com](https://prepforsummer.com)
- Summer Discovery reserves the right to decline any sign-out requests that conflict with program obligations
- Academic commitments take priority; students cannot miss required program activities
- All sign-outs/sign-ins must be completed in person at the Summer Discovery office within the residence hall
- Students must return to campus by designated curfew times unless special permission has been granted
- Overnight stays require special authorization and are limited to:
  - Immediate family members or close family friends over age 25
  - Must be submitted through [prepforsummer.com](https://prepforsummer.com) with advance notice
  - Cannot conflict with academic or program obligations

### Prohibited Items

- Weapons of any kind
- Drugs or drug paraphernalia
- Alcohol or tobacco products
- Vaping devices
- Dangerous sporting equipment
- Pets or animals
- Candles or incense
- Large appliances
- Valuable jewelry or excessive cash
- Coffee Makers & Hot Pots
- Toaster Ovens
- Fake/False ID

### Liability and Insurance

- Wharton Global Youth, the University, and Summer Discovery are not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items
- Personal property insurance is strongly recommended
- Valuable items should remain at home
- Lost items will not be stored after program end
- Shipping of forgotten items is family responsibility

## Communication with Home

- Parents and guardians can reach our on-campus office daily from 8 am – Midnight; the office phone number will be provided in advance of program start.
- For overnight emergencies, an emergency contact number will be provided on the Student Landing Page.
- On-campus Resident Counselors and Administrative staff are readily available to assist with any questions or concerns.
- The Daily, accessible on the Student Landing Page, provides a schedule of activities, events, and trips for the day and upcoming week.

## Program Fees, Financial Obligations, & On-Program Incidentals

### Required Program Payments

Wharton Global Youth and Summer Discovery require all program fees to be paid in full before students may participate in any program activities:

- All tuition balances must be paid in full prior to program start date
- Airport transfer fees (if applicable) must be paid in full prior to program start date
- Students with outstanding balances will not be permitted to participate in the program

### Airport/Train Transfer Fees

- Airport Transfers: \$95 one-way / \$190 round-trip
- Train Station Transfers \$45 one-way/ \$90 round-trip

## Student Rights and Responsibilities

Wharton Global Youth and Summer Discovery are committed to maintaining an environment where all students can thrive. Students have the right to:

### Academic Rights

- Quality instruction and resources
- Fair and equitable treatment
- Academic support services
- Reasonable accommodations when documented
- Access to program materials

### Community Rights

- Safe and inclusive environment
- Freedom from discrimination
- Respect for cultural identity
- Privacy of personal information
- Access to health services
- Clear communication of policies

## Student Responsibilities

### Academic Responsibilities

- Attend all scheduled classes
- Complete assigned coursework
- Maintain academic integrity

- Participate actively
- Seek help when needed
- Meet deadlines
- Follow classroom policies

### Community Responsibilities

- Respect all community members
- Follow program policies
- Maintain personal safety
- Report concerns appropriately
- Support inclusive environment
- Care for facilities
- Represent program positively

### Parent/Guardian Responsibilities

- Parents/guardians are responsible for completing all required forms prior to program start
- All medical, activity, and permission forms must be submitted through the parent portal
- Parents/guardians must maintain current contact information throughout the program
- Emergency contacts provided must be able to make time-sensitive decisions if parents cannot be reached
- Parents/guardians must be available for consultation regarding student academic, behavioral, or health concerns

### Parent Communication During Program

- Regular updates will be provided through the parent portal
- Academic concerns will be communicated directly to parents
- Behavioral issues requiring intervention will be reported to parents
- Health-related matters will be discussed with parents as needed

### Emergency Contact Requirements

Parents/Guardians must provide emergency contacts who:

- Live within reasonable proximity to the program location
- Can be reached 24/7 during the program dates
- Have the ability to make decisions and take action if parents cannot be reached
- Can assist with travel arrangements if needed
- Are willing and able to pick up a student from campus if required
- Are over 25 years of age

Summer Discovery must be able to reach either parents/guardians or emergency contacts at all times during the program. Failure to respond to urgent communications may impact a student's ability to remain in the program.

### **PLEASE PROCEED TO THE FOLLOWING PAGE (16) FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT SECTION.**

This final section requires careful review and signatures from both student and parent/guardian. The signed agreement serves as confirmation that all parties understand and accept the program policies, expectations, and responsibilities outlined in this document. This agreement must be completed and submitted before participation in any Summer Discovery program can begin.

## Acknowledgment and Agreement

By signing below, all parties acknowledge they have:

- Read and understand all policies and procedures
- Agree to follow program guidelines
- Accept consequences of policy violations
- Support program values and expectations
- Commit to maintaining community standards
- Understand dismissal protocols
- Accept financial responsibilities
- Agree to emergency procedures

Student Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**By signing this agreement, you acknowledge that you have read and understood all sections of the Summer 2025 Student & Parent Commitment Agreement, including but not limited to:**

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| • Zero Tolerance Policies     | • Technology Policies          |
| • Academic Standards          | • Program Rules and Procedures |
| • Residential Guidelines      | • Rights and Responsibilities  |
| • Health and Safety Protocols |                                |

You understand that violation of any policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the program without refund. You agree to abide by all Summer Discovery policies and procedures, both current and any that may be implemented during the course of the program.

This signed agreement must be submitted prior to program participation. Keep a copy for your records.