The Brilliant Club’s Scholars Programme gives students from non-selective state schools and FE colleges the opportunity to work with a PhD researcher to experience university-style learning. It helps students to develop the skills, knowledge and confidence to secure a place at a competitive university and succeed when they get there. We work with students from aged 8 to 18, supporting them to make an informed choice about their future.

**Examples of our courses**

- Adolescent Life in Medieval England
- What is the Value of Art?
- Can we Regrow the Brain?
- How Do Machines Think?
- Can Statistics Show that Climate is Changing?

**We work with over 800 PhD tutors**

**We are supported by 40+ partner universities**

**We work with over 1,000 schools**

**The Scholars Programme offers:**

- Challenging courses taught by a world-class PhD researcher
- Experience of university-style learning in a small group
- Graduation events in partnership with competitive universities

**Why get involved?**

- Students develop key university readiness skills, including critical thinking and metacognition
- Schools receive robust impact reports showcasing progress towards Gatsby Benchmarks
- The programme is cited as an effective use of Pupil Premium by Ofsted

**Programme Impact**

Students who complete The Scholars Programme, including those eligible for Pupil Premium, are statistically significantly more likely to apply to a competitive university than students from similar backgrounds.

We also see that Scholars Programme graduates progress to a competitive university at a higher rate than similar students who did not take part in the programme.

For further information about the findings, please click here.
Pupil journey

Pupil selection

The Brilliant Club requires that at least 55% of pupils registered on the programme fulfil at least one of the following criteria:

- Pupil premium eligible
- No parental history of higher education
- Deprivation according to postcode: IDACI 1 - 4

I enjoyed the opportunity to speak freely about my ideas and learn about a topic which was completely new to me.

TSP Alumnus, Cornwall

Programme planning supported by a Scholars Programme Officer.

PhD tutor delivers weekly tutorials.

T1 T2 T3 T4 T5 T6 T7

T6

A university-hosted graduation event to celebrate pupils' achievements.

Pupils complete a challenging final assignment and receive one-to-one feedback from their tutor.

T7

We provide detailed impact reports outlining student progress.

Pupils meet their tutor and learn about Higher Education.

Sign up deadlines

Terms offered:          Sign up by:
Autumn (October - February)  July
Spring (January - May)     October
Summer (March - July)      December

Cost

The school contribution is £189 per pupil, a total of £2,646 per placement, which consists of 14 pupils. This cost is subsidised through contributions from our university partners and external grants and donations.

Interested in running The Scholars Programme in your school? Get in touch!

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