MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Halbert and Nancy Robinson Center for Young Scholars (RC) at the University of Washington is threefold: teaching, research, and service. The RC is a leader in the nation for developing programs that serve highly capable young pre-college and college students. We are committed to increasing access and fostering student potential among students historically marginalized and excluded from advanced learning opportunities.

Through early entrance programs, we prepare younger students for college and provide them with challenging, accelerated learning opportunities in a vibrant, intellectual community. We provide outreach through enrichment, professional development, online, summer and Saturday programs. The Robinson Center is a site for research and discovery of best practice, and maintains the UW’s position as an internationally renowned center of gifted education.

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ROBINSON CENTER PROGRAMS

EARLY COLLEGE ENTRANCE

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EARLY COLLEGE ENTRANCE PROGRAMS

TRANSITION SCHOOL EARLY ENTRANCE PROGRAM

The Early Entrance Program at the University of Washington is a two-stage program, beginning with Transition School. Transition School (TS) is a one-year college preparatory program, housed at the Robinson Center for Young Scholars, which accepts a small cohort of students under the age of 15 every Fall. Students who have successfully completed Transition School and have demonstrated readiness for college level work, move into the University as full undergraduates, via Early Entrance (EEP) the following year. To be successful in this highly accelerated, intensive learning experience, candidates need to ... rewarding academic experience supported by a dedicated faculty, advising staff, and a strong community of same-aged peers.

UW ACADEMY FOR YOUNG SCHOLARS

The UW Academy is a competitive early entrance program to the University of Washington for high school students. Students apply to the UW Academy during their 10th grade year, and if accepted, withdraw from high school at the end of 10th grade to enroll as fully-matriculated freshmen at the University of Washington. As UW students, they have the freedom to pursue their own goals and to participate in all of the opportunities that the University has to offer. The Robinson Center provides support services and academic advising to meet their needs as young students in a university setting.

FINANCIAL AID IS AVAILABLE FOR ALL OF OUR PROGRAMS

ROBINSON CENTER ONLINE PROGRAM

The Robinson Center Online Program is an accelerated learning opportunity offered by the Transition School faculty, bringing an advanced college-prep curriculum to an online platform for all high school students. The program offers a variety of classes and challenges to high school students to enrich their future college-level academic experience.

ENRICHMENT AND ONLINE PROGRAMS

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Summer Challenge (Grades 5-6)
The students in Summer Challenge explore underlying concepts through interactive, hands-on activities. Teachers encourage students to learn by exploring issues and solving problems. Classes are designed to encourage deep engagement in a topic and collaboration with peers.

Summer Stretch (Grades 7-11)
The Summer Stretch courses allow students to explore a particular subject area, satisfy a desire for a challenging college-prep experience, receive a boost toward taking advanced placement courses, or simply make room for electives and activities they might otherwise have to pass up in their high school programs. Students have access to the research laboratories and facilities at the University of Washington.

SATURDAY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

The Saturday Program is intended to provide young students with a dynamic, challenging and inspirational learning experience. Courses in math, science, writing and philosophy are offered to students grades K-8. All of our courses take students outside the standard curriculum to explore regions of the chosen topic in a fun and engaging learning environment. Students are given the opportunity to take risks, and be creative and adventurous in their learning. Our classes emphasize collaboration and the sharing of ideas with peers. There are no grades and tests. Saturday instructors are experienced teachers and practitioners in their fields. All students on free or reduced lunch receive full tuition waivers.

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