Applying to Polygence:
A peek into the admissions process

How does the Polygence admissions process work?

Application

The admissions team reviews your application. If it looks promising, you will be invited for an interview.

Interview

Your interview with a member of the admissions team will last 15 minutes; parents are welcome to attend the last five minutes. Based on your application and interview, the admissions team will assess whether you're a good fit for the program.

Mentor approval

Your project will be reviewed by proposed mentors. Mentors accept or decline a project based on a range of factors including their availability, the feasibility of the project, etc.

Criteria for acceptance

Motivation:
Show your motivation!

Mentors are looking to work with students who are motivated! They want to know that you have the energy, stamina, and time to work on your project independently in between sessions.

Interest:
Clarify your specific interest!

Mentors are specialists in a given field, and they're not just "biologists" they might be microbiologists focusing on the connection between your microbiome and your brain! The clearer you are about what you want to study the more likely a mentor will be eager to support your project.

Elaboration:
Engage in conversation!

Polygence is not a lecture class; it's a one-on-one immersive experience. So the admissions team is looking for students who can elaborate on their thoughts and carry a conversation so that students are balanced participants in their sessions!

Tip

The interview is the best place to demonstrate your willingness to engage in conversation. We encourage you to think deeply about your project during the interview process so the admissions team and mentors can get a sense of your thoughtfulness.

Technical projects

Computer Science or Data Science Projects
For coding heavy projects we expect students to have taken at least AP Computer Science A or equivalent experience.

Experimental
For experimental projects, we expect students to submit a 1-3 paragraph project proposal that includes the materials you'll need, where you'll obtain these materials, and what experiments you have in mind.