WHAT IS EEP?

The Early Entrance Program (EEP) at Cal State LA—one of the few opportunities for accelerated education nationwide—is unique for several reasons. Established in 1982, the program allows gifted students to enroll as full-time students in the Honors College at Cal State LA.

The program accepts qualified students between the ages of 11-15 and features a large population of other gifted students. “EEPsters,” as they are known, attend regular college classes on campus, where an all-important support system is in place for them. EEPsters begin full-time study upon acceptance and earn their baccalaureate within four to five years.

A suite of rooms—including a kitchen, study room, computer room and social areas—is available for the students’ exclusive use. Within this complex are the offices of the director, counselor, and staff, who are always ready to lend a hand or ear.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Take a qualifying exam (ACT or SAT). Successful applicants will have minimum scores of 22 English and 23 math on the ACT, or 550 Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) and 570 math on the SAT. Interested students may take the SAT at EEP’s Search for Exceptional Academic Achievement offered biannually, or may take any national SAT or ACT offering prior to the EEP application deadline. Applicants must submit qualifying test scores to the EEP office by May 1.

- Declare interest in applying and contact EEP to schedule a preliminary interview with the director.

- Based on the interview and test scores, select students will be invited to attend a required Applicant Orientation session (held in May), complete an extensive written application, and participate in the summer Honors Academy.

- After participating in the Honors Academy, students will be evaluated by the admissions committee and students will be notified of their admissions status no later than two weeks after the Honors Academy ends.

LIFE IN EEP

Challenge, hard work, fun, and lasting friendships characterize the EEP experience. Amongst their true academic peers, EEP students are able to flourish as individuals and reach their academic potential. EEP students are also very active in campus life, and often assume leadership roles in student government, academic clubs, and community service organizations.

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Federal, state and other grants, scholarships and loans are available to EEP students just as they are to all Cal State LA students.

For more information about scholarships and financial aid, please visit: http://www.calstatela.edu/financialaid

EEP FACTS

- Average entering age: 13.5 years
- Average size of entering freshman cohort: 25
- EEP enrollment: Between 100-130
- EEP 5-year graduation rate for entering class 2010: 85%
- 66% of EEP students major in STEM
- The majority of EEP alumni attend graduate schools, and are consistently admitted to top medical, law, and Ph.D. programs including Harvard, Yale, Stanford, UCLA, and UC Berkeley.