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Applications Open – National Youth Science Forum Year 12 Program!

From early March, the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) is taking applications for the January 2021 program which will see 600 year 12 students from across the country gain the opportunity of a lifetime.

The NYSF is a 10-day residential program full of visits to high-tech STEM facilities, hands-on workshops that let you get stuck into some serious science, and meet-and-greets with industry mentors, all while hanging out with a community of science-loving students on a university campus.

Here's what some 2020 attendees said about the program:

*The NYSF Year 12 Program is an upbeat and engaging program that encourages you to explore yourself, your interests and your passions in a safe and comfortable environment where you are surrounded by the most amazing and likeminded people* – Emily, Southern River, WA

*Going to NYSF was the best decision I ever made. I made friends from all over Australia, went on fascinating lab visits and lectures, and networked with industry experts and academics I never thought I'd meet has had a huge impact on my life and helped me to decide on my future after school. If you are even just thinking of pursuing science as a career, if you are interested in STEM, then NYSF is an opportunity you should grab with both hands and never let go.* – Kayleigh, Culburra Beach NSW

*An incredibly rewarding experience which positively alters your perspective on not only the academic world but also teaches you to become more comfortable to explore new interests without fear.* – Kimia, Kew VIC

Students attending the program are drawn from diverse backgrounds from all over Australia. Selections are carried out by Rotary Australia (our founding partner), providing access to the program for students from remote and regional areas around the country. In 2020, 38% of students were from remote and regional areas and 65% of participants were female.

Students who are currently studying in Year 11 are eligible to apply. For more information or to apply go to the NYSF [website](https://www.nysf.edu.au/). Applications close 20 July 2020.