

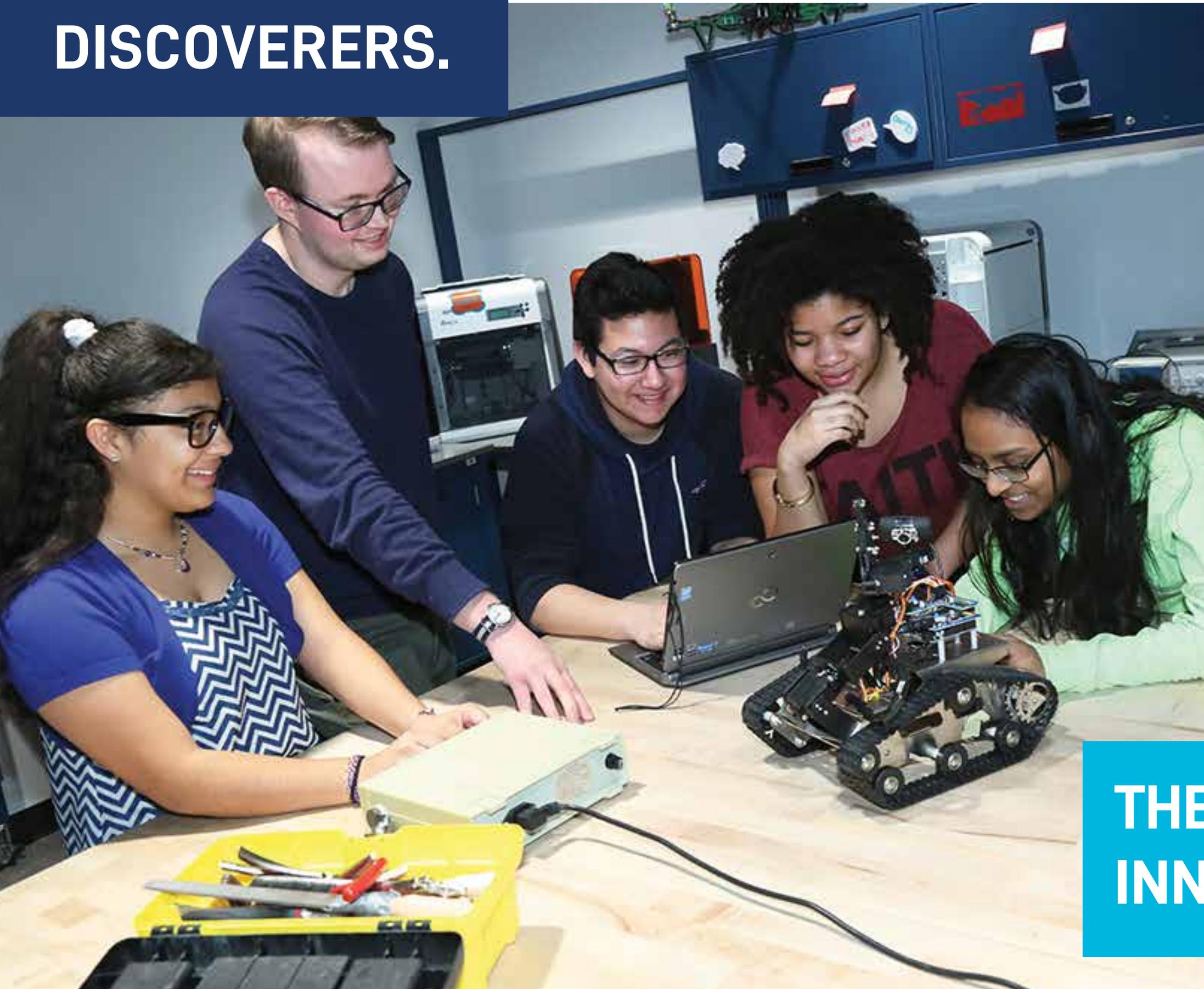
**GROW YOUR  
PURPOSE.**



**EXPAND  
YOUR  
WORLD.**

 **IMSA**<sup>®</sup>  
Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy

# JOIN THE DISCOVERERS.



## WHO WRITES THE FUTURE?

The discoverers. The thinkers. The creators and experimenters. From every background.

Technology and science are the future. They are changing faster than ever and the possibilities are amazing. They are the tools that change the world.

IMSA's mission is to "ignite and nurture creative, ethical, scientific minds that advance the human condition." We are a diverse community focused on student-centered education. We're about more than great college prospects and great jobs; we're about making our families proud. We're about a better world for everyone. A world that needs a wealth of the kind of thinkers IMSA produces to solve real problems.

IMSA's mission isn't to fix the world. It's to nurture the minds that will.

Today's students are tomorrow's leaders. And you're one of them.

Ranked #1 Public High School in America.  
by Niche.com

# THE INNOVATORS.

# LEADERS START AT IMSA.



## THINK DIFFERENT. ACT BOLD.

IMSA is a recognized leader in mathematics and science education at the national and international levels.

IMSA's education is inquiry-based. It fosters curiosity and exploration. It promotes creative thinking and problem solving.

And those are the skills you'll need to lead. It's also why leadership training and ethics are as much a part of life at IMSA as technology labs and science classes.

You'll be a future leader in business, education, science, or technology.



**IMSA alumni have developed leading companies and technologies like YouTube, PayPal, Yelp and Facebook Messenger.**



**FIND YOUR  
PASSION.**

20% of students' time is spent outside the classroom, researching at world-class institutions and working alongside technology startups and real businesses including:

 **Fermilab**

 **Northwestern University**

**Argonne**   
NATIONAL LABORATORY

**ADLER**  
PLANETARIUM

**THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO**

**1871**

**TechNexus**  
VENTURE COLLABORATIVE



IMSA's innovation center, IN2, Steve and Jamie Chen Center for Innovation & Inquiry

## DISCOVER WHAT YOU LOVE.

You love discovering the world around you. You love experimenting, inventing and learning. You love taking things apart, finding out how things work and putting things together in new ways.

The world is full of possibilities. And you belong out in it.

You'll spend one day a week exploring and developing your interest and passion. You'll be conducting hands-on research in fields from artificial intelligence to microbiology to sociology or launching a new business.

And because it all happens under the guidance of world-class faculty and institutional partners, you'll leave IMSA with the experience to impact the world.

The more you try and the more you experience, the more you'll discover what you love. The chance to pursue passion means you'll have a greater sense of vision and a greater chance of realizing your true potential.



**YOU  
BELONG  
HERE.**

# THERE'S MORE TO YOU THAN PEOPLE THINK.

IMSA is a residential academy and for you, that means chances to expand beyond just your mathematics and science talents. When you live alongside others, you create life-long friendships. You build your confidence and self-reliance. You appreciate other cultures and you celebrate your own.

It's a place to fit in and branch out. As a sophomore, you'll participate in weekly programs designed to build your leadership skills and jump-start your social life. And with more than 75 clubs, organizations and athletic programs to choose from, you'll keep discovering.

You'll keep connecting.  
You'll keep growing.

At IMSA, we believe in giving back to our community. Through our service learning program, you'll aid worthy causes while learning about community organizations, the working world and your impact as a contributing volunteer. All IMSA students complete 200 hours of service before graduation, including both on and off campus opportunities. You'll make friends, and you'll make a difference.



**THE WORLD  
IS WAITING.**

## **YOUR FUTURE'S JUST BEGINNING.**

IMSA students are challenged with a rigorous curriculum designed to meet criteria for admission to the nation's most selective colleges and universities. And with innovative learning methods, close access to teachers and collaboration with

businesses and institutions outside IMSA, you'll leave IMSA equipped to realize your potential.

You'll leave ready to engage in the real world. Because you've already been doing it.

### **IMSA's class of 2018 went on to colleges including:**

- University of Illinois
- Illinois Institute of Technology
- Case Western Reserve University
- University of Chicago
- Michigan State University
- Vanderbilt University
- Loyola University Chicago
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Northwestern University
- Purdue University
- University of Michigan
- University of Pennsylvania
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Northeastern University
- Stanford University
- Bradley University
- The Ohio State University
- University of Wisconsin, Madison
- Brown University



## APPLY BY FEBRUARY 1

Students admitted to IMSA must show a history of academic achievement, involvement in leadership and extracurricular activities and a demonstrated interest in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math).

## ELIGIBILITY

IMSA serves students grades 10-12. Applicants are in the 8th or 9th grade applying for entrance into the 10th grade at IMSA.

- Must be an Illinois resident enrolled in an Illinois school at the time of application
- Must have completed Algebra I and a high school equivalent science course

## REQUIREMENTS

Complete the online application at [www.imsa.edu](http://www.imsa.edu), including student essays, activity list and parent statement. You'll also need to submit:

- Evaluation forms completed by current or prior year English, math and science teachers
- Guidance Counselor form, including official grade reports for the past 2 1/2 years
- Official SAT score report (essay not required)

## COST

IMSA is tuition-free, with no charge for room and board. An annual student fee is assessed based on family size and income. No student is ever refused because of inability to pay.

**Connect with us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.**

Established by the State of Illinois to develop talent and leadership in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy is internationally recognized for inspiring, challenging and nurturing students who use their exceptional abilities to improve people's lives. IMSA's academically advanced residential program enables exceptional students in grades 10-12 to reach extraordinary levels of achievement.

### Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy

José M. Torres, PhD, President

1500 Sullivan Road | Aurora, IL 60506

630-907-5000 | [imsa.edu](http://imsa.edu)

© 2018 Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy®  
Printed by the State of Illinois, 20,000, 8/17, P.O. # 62250

  
Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy