

Sutton Trust US Programme America

The very word conjures a, rightfully so, varied reaction; but since I was a little girl, I associated the land of the free with my future, at least in some small way. It is with this realisation that I decided studying in the US was a dream I was willing to pursue. However, the task of actually



applying to the US for many international students can seem daunting and, to some degree, futile. After having attended a number of American university fairs, college outreach evenings and spending the summer of Year 11 researching online, one lead struggled to rise out of the blur of information and advice: the Sutton Trust US



Programme. With a few taps and clicks, I found myself scrolling down the US Programme page, seeing numerous success stories of students from all over the UK attending some of the most renowned institutions in the US. I wanted to be one of these. Applying to the Programme was a process that fuelled my desire to study in the US. Unlike the sturdy UCAS application, this application (modelled on the American equivalent of UCAS, the Common Application) wanted to know me for who I am – not for my undying love for a chosen degree course. I truly felt a sense of accomplishment upon hitting the ‘submit’ button and could hardly wait for a reply. So far, my Sutton Trust US Programme experience has solidified my ambitions for studying in the US. The immense support and advice that I have received, during both the Easter and June residentials, has definitely made me a stronger applicant in my opinion. Ranging from admissions exams and applications essays to how to choose a university and the fundamental differences in the two very different systems, the information presented to me has been invaluable. Furthermore, meeting like-minded students from all four corners of the UK has made what seemed like a solitary journey much more enjoyable. This summer, I will be travelling to Boston with the Sutton Trust for a week, visiting the likes of MIT and Harvard as well as a selection of other prestigious institutions. Living on the



MIT campus will certainly be the highlight of my summer, as well as having the opportunity to visit

campuses I may be applying to in the autumn. I am excited to be taught by leading experts in their own fields and will aspire to seize the occasion with both hands.

More Information: <http://www.suttontrust.com/newsarchive/sutton-trust-usprogramme-2015-cohort-announced/>

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