

- We would like to know more about your interest in NYU. We are particularly interested in knowing what motivated you to apply to NYU and more specifically, why you have applied or expressed interest in a particular campus, school, college, program, and/or area of study? If you have applied to more than one, please tell us why you are interested in each of the campuses, schools, colleges, or programs to which you have applied. You may be focused or undecided, or simply open to the options within NYU's global network; regardless, we want to understand - Why NYU? (400 words)

Fellow Essay:

I dream of attending medical school, having earned a degree in biochemistry from New York University. NYU will provide me with a multitude of opportunities to conduct research, collaborate with peers, explore my varied interests, and experience diversity in ways I can only imagine. NYU is a gateway to my dreams, shepherding the me I am now to the me I aspire to be.

Research opportunities abound at NYU, and I love that students in the chemistry department are encouraged to begin their freshman year. I want to immerse myself in research right away. The Skirball Institute, though mostly reserved for medical students, caught my eye because of its innovative approach to understanding health and disease. I strive to assist researchers in such a facility, even as an undergraduate.

The ability to gain deep knowledge in my chosen subject areas with peers will enhance my education and help me form bonds that extend beyond coursework. It is clear that NYU students embrace challenges together and support one another academically, characteristics that have informed my college search and pull me towards NYU in particular.

Beyond biochemistry and medicine, I have a deep love for music. I look forward to honing my piano skills in the Kimmel Center and performing in an ensemble. The ability to minor in music is appealing, especially given NYU's location. New York has a legendary music scene, and I could learn a lot from simply sitting in clubs, listening to the modern greats. Performances at the New York Philharmonic at Lincoln Center and headliners at the Governors Ball Music Festival are also on my list.

Perhaps most intriguing to me is the diversity at NYU, and the university's intentionality in embracing and enhancing it. From the international houses to the Center for Multicultural Education and Programs, it is clear that students of all backgrounds are celebrated by NYU itself and by the students who comprise it. I look forward to attending the Students of Color Leadership Retreat, especially because of its focus on social justice. I look forward to attending discounted cultural events throughout the campus and city. More than anything though, I look forward to engaging with the diverse students, faculty, and staff who make NYU such an incredible place to learn and grow. As a Louisiana native, with my family rooted in the deep south, this ability will broaden my worldview more than ever before.