



The Economics Transformation Project provides an opportunity for high school students from underrepresented backgrounds to engage with the field of economics and understand how they can use economics as a tool for social change.

The field of economics offers a pathway to a broad variety of careers in the public, private, and social sectors. Climate change, voting access, and criminal justice reform are just a small sample of the important topics studied by economists that have the potential to influence policy and improve lives.

It is crucial for the economics profession to better represent the diversity of people in the United States to ensure that wide-ranging perspectives inform the policies that impact our daily lives. However, many students are unaware of or lack access to opportunities to explore all that the field has to offer. This is particularly true for women and students of color, who are underrepresented in the field of economics at the undergraduate, graduate, and professional levels.

The Economics Transformation Project (ETP) seeks to build a more diverse and inclusive field of economics, beginning with high school students. ETP's high school programming provides students with the opportunity to engage with the field in an inclusive and supportive environment, designed specifically with them in mind. Informed by insights and recommendations from economics students and professionals from underrepresented backgrounds, ETP's high school programming includes introductory workshops as well as more exploratory lectures.

WORKSHOPS

Workshops explore questions that are important to high school students, including but not limited to:

- What is economics?
- How are my passions and the field of economics connected?
- What is it like being an economics student?
What topics do you study?
- What career pathways are available in economics?
- If I'm interested in economics, what should I do next?
- What is the history of women and people of color in economics?

Workshops will take place in partnership with high schools and college access programs. Interested in hosting a workshop somewhere near you? Please reach out to Jatnna Amador at jamador@povertyactionlab.org.

ABOUT J-PAL NORTH AMERICA

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