



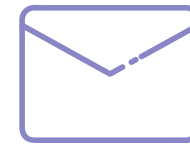
# How to get into Wellesley College: my experience, tips & resources

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# Building college list

- Wellesley College (ED1)
  - University of British Columbia (school nomination)
  - Smith College
  - Barnard College
  - Bryn Mawr College
  - Scripps College
  - Ehwa Womans University
  - Nazarbayev University
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- Private or community institutions
  - Financial aid policy for international students
  - Coed or single-gender schools
  - Liberal arts or research type
  - Student body
  - Location & setting
  - Opportunities

# Why Wellesley College



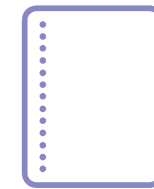
Liberal arts & sciences



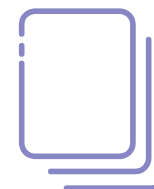
Cross-registration with MIT,  
Olin, Babson and many  
other institutions



Suburban setting



Strong alumni network &  
women empowerment



Simply: endowment

GPA: 5.0

**First quarter**

MATH - Mathematics -  
(ADV)

COMPSCI - Computer  
Science - (ADV)

PHYS - Physics - (ADV)

ENG - English Language -  
(ADV)

OTH/ELE - Kazakh  
Language & Literature -  
(REG)

HIST - Kazakhstan in the  
Modern World - (REG)

ART - Graphics & Design -  
(REG)

PE/HLTH - Physical  
Education - (REG)

SAT: 1430  
EBRW 670, MATH 760

- 3 attempts
- self-study
- start early!

<https://www.youtube.com/@SexyJ>  
1600.io Digital SAT Math books  
The ultimate guide to SAT Grammar  
Khan Academy

IELTS: 7.5

L (8.5), R (8.5),  
W (6.5), S (7.0)

- 1 attempt
- after SAT effect
- school prep

My stats



# Personal Statement

## Some excerpts from my essay:

Due to high work pressure at the factory, my grandfather injured his leg and underwent a surgery. To cover all the recovery expenses, grandmother was forced to find a job, while mom worked and studied simultaneously. Since everyone was busy with our financial situation, I took responsibility for the housework and grandfather decided to take responsibility for me.

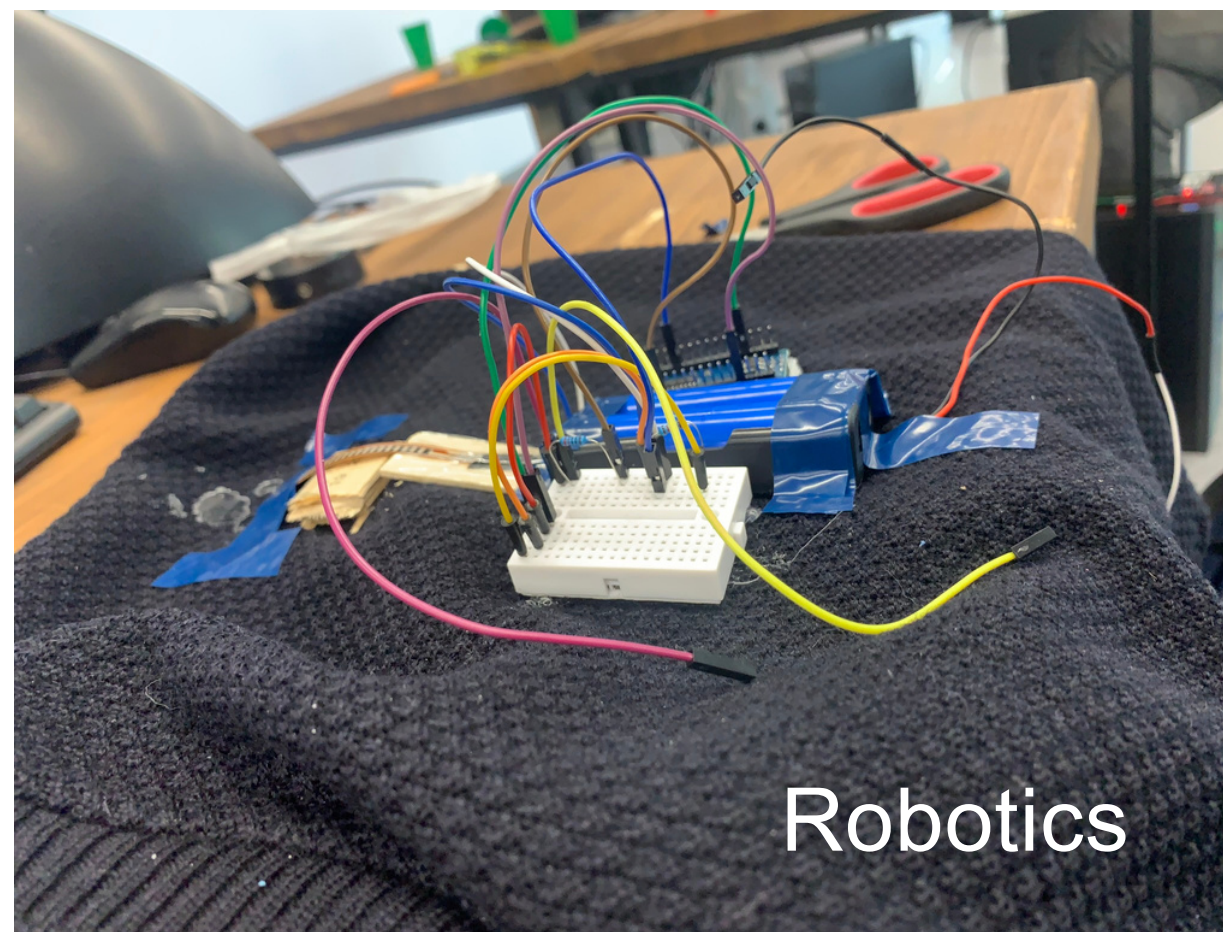
As I stand at the crossroads of my past and future, I am reminded of the enduring love that my grandfather gave me. He – like every individual – is not less but equal, worthy of every opportunity and deserves the happiness the world has to offer. Looking forward, I see my path shaped by compassion, innovation, and the spirit of my grandfather along with the commitment to making

- College Essay Guy's Personal Statement Summer course (PWYC)
- EducationUSA Kazakhstan Ms. Raushan advisor's consultations
- Connect your values & passions with your story
- Brainstorm during junior year & write essay before senior year

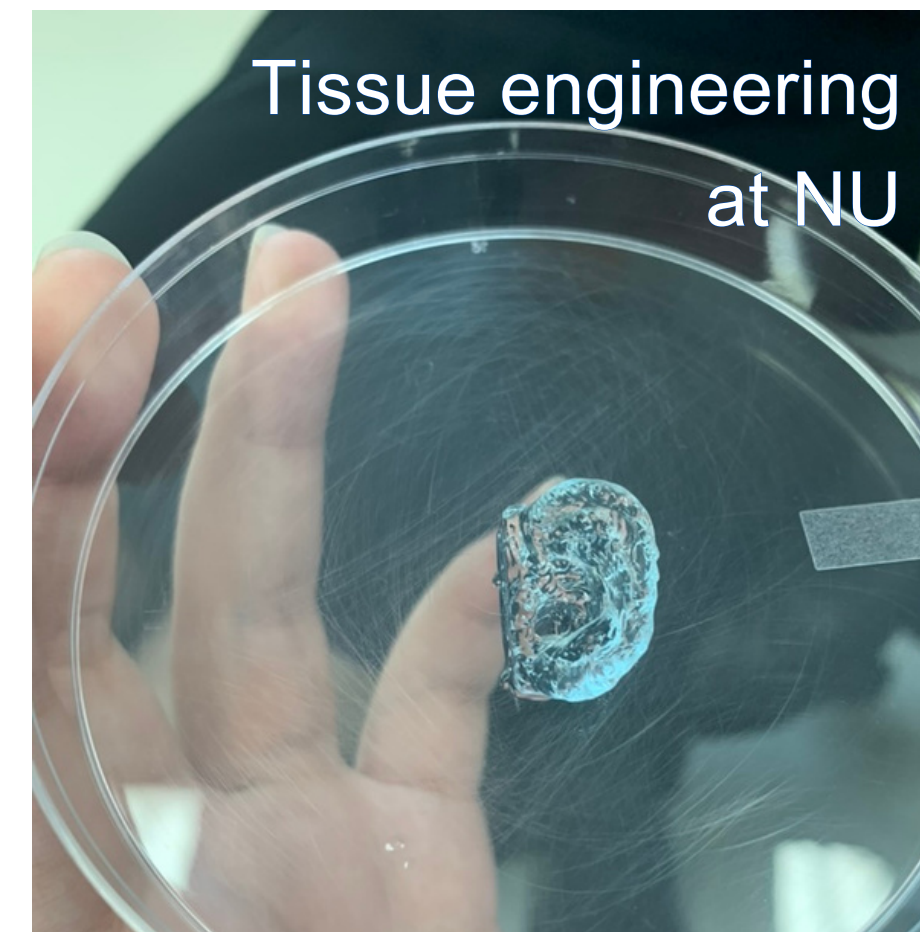




UNICEF



Robotics



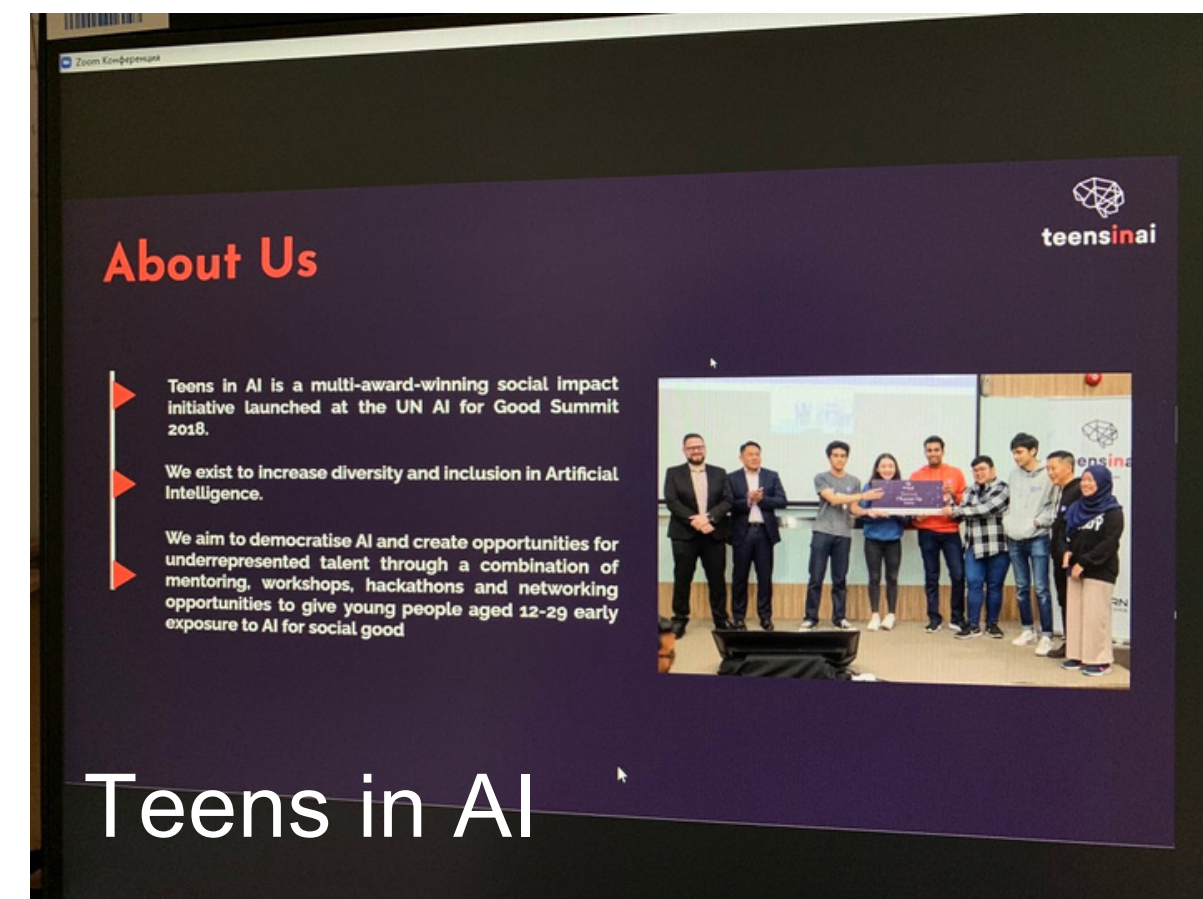
Tissue engineering  
at NU



StemQyz (Girl Up)



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## About Us

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Teens in AI is a multi-award-winning social impact initiative launched at the UN AI for Good Summit 2018.

We exist to increase diversity and inclusion in Artificial Intelligence.

We aim to democratise AI and create opportunities for underrepresented talent through a combination of mentoring, workshops, hackathons and networking opportunities to give young people aged 12-29 early exposure to AI for social good

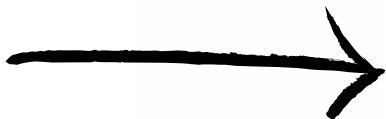


Teens in AI



# Honors

- 1) 3rd place at Girls in AI National Hackathon
- 2) 3rd place, NURIS Fab Lab Bootcamp
- 3) 3rd place, The National Olympiad on law fundamentals
- 4) Girl Up Project Award
- 5) 3rd place, XII Nauryz Meetings



- College Essay Guy’s “How to Write the College Application + Supplemental Essays” Summer course (PWYC)
- Give more context for AO (exact numbers, rankings and define contests for understanding)

<b>Girl Up Project Award supported by UN Foundation. Received 300\$ grant for girl-centered hackathon</b>	International	11
<b>Bronze medalist, Republican Olympiad on law fundamentals. Won regionals and states.</b>	School, State/Regional, National	9
<b>Runner-up @ Girls in Artificial Intelligence Hackathon out of 60 members nationally</b>	National	9
<b>XII Nauryz meetings among NIS schools (~200 contestants): 3rd place in 3D-bioprinting section</b>	National	11
<b>3rd in state, Nazarbayev University Research &amp; Innovation System (#1 in country) Hardware Challenge</b>	State/Regional	10

# Supplemental essay



College Essay Guy's guide on supplemental essay for Wellesley College <https://www.collegeessayguy.com/blog/wellesley-college-supplemental-essay>

Academic and non-academic reasons



# Additional information

## 2. Global Perspectives & Project Work (11th grade) and Kazakhstan in the Modern World (12th grade)

GPPW and KMW are unique subjects offered only in the NIS-curriculum. For the GPPW, I wrote an 8500 word research paper exploring citizens' attitudes towards women politicians in Kazakhstan. At the end of the year, I presented my paper at the annual GPPW conference and received 2nd place among 50 contestants. Additionally, I was invited to the tea ceremony with the British Ambassador Kathy Leach where we discussed my research. For the KMW, I chose to explore the life quality of Kazakhstan people with special needs.

## 4. My roles:

- Featured on official UNICEF Kazakhstan's Instagram page for the Children Rights clubs campaign (77,000 followers).
- Podcasted on "Kazakhstan Association on Sexual & Reproductive Health Talkline" where I shared my experience of building Girl Up club.
- Panelist at "Our voice, our power" Girl Up Global Leadership Summit 2023 (2,000 listeners) where I conducted "Menstrual Equity" workshop.

1. Detailed explanation of honors
2. Unique subjects at NIS (GPPW, KMW)
3. Work hours during high school
4. My roles (summits, interviews, etc)
5. LinkedIn profile link

# The end

1. Surround yourself with supportive and honest people
2. Never be ASHAMED of YOUR story (it's unique)
3. START EARLY PLEASE
4. World doesn't end if you do not get into

Thank you everyone!