**Yale University Essay Ravi**

*What is it about Yale that has led you to apply? (125 words)*

When I think about Yale, I think about the interaction I had with a Yale grad student two summers ago. As I sat on a random community-table, I didn’t expect to engage in any conversation involving a stranger, especially because I was on a time-limit to finish my *pad Thai.* Yet, somehow, this *Yalie* wasn’t afraid to break-the-ice and talk to me. As the conversation grew, I soon learned that he was very passionate about his research in animal genetics and their purpose on human health. What really struck me by surprise was his willingness to share something very complicated and personal with a 15-year-old, who haven’t even learned basic molecular biology. That ability to create connections with almost anyone is what makes Yale’s community so distinctively special, which is why I’m applying to Yale.