PENDLE HILL
A Quaker Study, Retreat, and Conference Center

Spring Term FAQs

Do I have to be a Quaker to participate?

Not at all! Pendle Hill is a Quaker center welcoming all. The program is rooted in Pendle Hill's Quaker identity, and in Pendle Hill's long tradition of welcoming students from all (or no) religious and spiritual backgrounds.

Are there any requirements or prerequisites for participating in the Spring Term?

No! The Spring Term welcomes seekers of all backgrounds and ages. Students have come from countries around the world and bring with them a wide variety of experiences and backgrounds. Whether you are 24 or 74, a published theologian from Kenya looking for spiritual reconnection, or a recent graduate from New York discerning next steps in your life, you are most welcome.

How many students do you accept?

We plan to accept up to eight students for each term.

How is the cost of the program determined, and are scholarships available?

As with all Pendle Hill programs, we strive to find ways to make this program financially accessible. The registration fees already represent a significant subsidy of the real cost of the program, which includes housing, meals, and programming. We encourage applicants to invite their family, friends, faith community, and other connections to support them in this endeavor if they are able, and to request financial assistance as needed. To read more about factors we use in our discernment, please see our financial assistance application.

What can I expect from a typical day in the program?

Most days are a mix of worship, shared meals, shared work, communal learning and individual time. Please see the syllabus for more information.

Is participation for Session I and II required?

This year, we have opened the opportunity for students to register just for Session I (February 27-March 20), just for session II (March 21-April 17), or for both sessions (February 27-April 17).

If you are interested in a shorter program, we encourage you to look at our shorter workshops, and consider booking extra time as led for an independent sojourn.

Will students have access to computers?

There are a limited number of computers available in the library for student use.

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What is transit availability like to Philadelphia/the nearest grocery store/pharmacy?

Long-term residents are responsible for providing their own transportation needs to and from local resources. You can find local transportation and nearby resources on the Travel Directions & Local Attractions page on our website.

Does this program happen only once a year?

Yes. Our resident student program occurs in the spring each year.

Will there be opportunities to engage in small groups outside of class time?

Yes. Students engage in a variety of formal and informal communal activities, including meals and field trips. Students also close each day together with a brief "epilogue," sharing a moment of centering and reflection each evening.

Can students attend other PH educational programs while on campus?

Yes! Students are invited to attend most of Pendle Hill's other educational programs at no additional charge during the time they are on campus.

Will there be opportunities for spiritual nurture outside of morning worship time?

Yes. Each student who registers for the full term will be paired with a spiritual nurturer, usually a staff member or other resident, who will meet with them weekly and accompany them in their time on campus.

Is it feasible to hold a remote or part-time remote job while I'm enrolled?

Not necessarily. Students have found the Spring Term to be a holistic experience. It is not designed to accommodate significant additional commitments. If you have specific questions, please feel free to reach out to registration@pendlehill.org.

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