

ELISABETH KAISER DAVIS DEGREE PROGRAM

Wellesley College
Board of Admission
106 Central Street
Wellesley, MA 02481-8203

Dear Applicant:

I am delighted that you are applying to the Elisabeth Kaiser Davis Degree Program at Wellesley College. In this application, you are asked comprehensive questions so the Board of Admission will know you better and make the most informed decision about your candidacy. We want to know what you have done throughout your school career both in and out of the classroom. We will look at your intellectual accomplishments as well as your personal achievements.

Your application will be reviewed by the Board of Admission, which includes admission professionals, current Wellesley students, and professors. You will be evaluated on the strength of your academic program and performance, recommendations, and other information you choose to submit. The essays are a critical part of this application. Please give them the thought and attention required to demonstrate your best work. This is not just an exercise. We are interested in seeing how well you write. Develop your ideas. Be honest. Use the essay to tell us who you are and to give us a window into how you think.

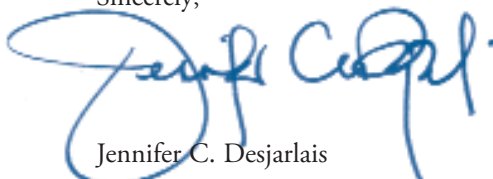
The Wellesley College Honor Code emphasizes integrity, self-government, and responsibility. Every student who matriculates at Wellesley agrees to abide by the Honor Code in her academic and personal life. This application is one of your first steps in working with the College, and we hope you will keep our values in mind as you complete the enclosed forms, knowing that we respect principled judgments. If you would like to read our statement, you can find it at www.wellesley.edu/DeanStudent/honorcode.html. Faculty members and students live by the Honor Code at Wellesley, giving us the foundation for true academic freedom and a tolerant and just community.

We invite you to visit the campus if you have not already done so. We would be happy to schedule an interview and give you a tour. Interview appointments can be made weekdays, up until the application deadline. Interviews are also available on most Saturday mornings during the academic year. We invite you to attend one of our scheduled Campus Days for prospective Davis Scholars.

Wellesley has a multicultural student body where students learn from each other as well as from their formal courses. You are invited to sit in on classes and speak with professors and students while you are on campus. Spending some time with us will give you a full appreciation of our diverse community as you are applying. If you have already visited, we are pleased you got to know us better.

On behalf of the Board of Admission, I welcome you to the application process. I hope you will find this to be an enjoyable adventure. If you have further questions, please feel free to call or write me.

Sincerely,



Jennifer C. Desjarlais
Dean of Admission and Financial Aid