

How Your IQP Preferences Affect Placement

Step 1: Your Application Is Scored

Faculty reviewers evaluate your application using standard rubrics.

What is reviewed:

-  Essays
-  Extracurricular Activities
-  Language Experience
-  GPA

 **Important:** Each project center values these components differently.

 **Result:** You receive a **separate weighted score for every project center** based on that center's priorities.

Step 2: Your Preferences Adjust Your Score

Your preference rating controls **how much of your score is used** for each project center in the placement algorithm.

☒ Very Interested

Multiplier: × 1.0

Score Used: 100%

| This site gets your full weighted score.

☒ Interested

Multiplier: × 0.5 (*approximately*)

Score Used: ~50%

| This site is considered, but with reduced weight.

☐ Not Interested

Multiplier: × 0 Score

Used: 0%

| You are not considered for this site.

☐ Guaranteed Rule

You will **NEVER** be placed in a project center you rate as Not Interested.

This is true **even if all other choices are exhausted**.

☒ Key Takeaway

Your preferences don't just show interest — they **directly control how strongly your application is considered** for each project center.

Choose thoughtfully. Research carefully. List enough options.