

General Resources

Yes, we know this is a lot. We've tried to design this list as a launchpad for students that can be used as much or as little as you like. Resources that we think might be especially worth considering before you get started are in bold.

This is by no means meant to be an all-inclusive list of materials for you to research ahead of the contest. Keep exploring!

Introduction to Existential Risks

- Blog posts / articles / websites
 - [What are the most pressing world problems?](#)
 - [The Most Important Century](#) - Holden Karnofsky
 - We especially recommend:
 - [The "most important century" blog post series summary](#)
 - [How to make the best of the most important century?](#)
 - [The Future is Vast: Longtermism's perspective on humanity's past, present and future](#) - Our World in Data
 - [Longtermism: An Introduction](#) - Fin Moorhouse
 - [On Caring](#) - Nate Soares
 - [What are the most pressing world problems?](#) - 80,000 Hours
 - [What We Owe To Future Generations](#) - Sigal Samuel
- Books
 - [What We Owe The Future](#) - William MacAskill
 - [The Precipice](#) - Toby Ord
- Videos
 - [The precipice: existential risk and the future of humanity](#) - Toby Ord
 - [What are the most important moral problems of our time?](#) - William MacAskill
 - [An introduction to global priorities research](#) - Rossa O'Keefe-O'Donovan
 - [The Last Human](#) - Kurzgesagt
 - [Is Civilization on the Brink of Collapse?](#) - Kurzgesagt

- [Everything might change forever this century \(or we'll go extinct\)](#) - Rational Animations
- [Longtermism: an idea that could save 100 billion trillion lives](#) - Rational Animations
- [Orienting towards the long-term future](#) - Joseph Carlsmith

Additional reading

If you're interested in exploring even more, here are more resources and databases we think you'll find useful.

- [How to \(actually\) change the world](#)
- [Curriculum | Non-trivial](#)
- [Atlas Fellowship — Resource Gallery](#)
- [The Best Textbooks on Every Subject — LessWrong](#)
- [Our World in Data](#)
- [Global Challenges Library](#)
- [List of concepts — Conceptually](#)
- [Astral Codex Ten \(ACX\)](#)
- [Resources | Longtermism](#)
- [LessWrong | Rationality A-Z](#)
- (and a fun one) [Harry Potter and the Methods of Rationality](#)