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Scholarship Descriptions | University of Iowa Honors Program

The Fellows Project | First & Second Year

Eligibility:
- Any undergraduate college
- First or Second Year student (at the time of application)
- Member of Honors at Iowa (at the time of application)
- Full-time student (minimum of 12 hours)

Purposeful engagement with extraordinary challenge requires us to know ourselves as well as we know our disciplines. The Fellows Project was established to not only identify and reward the most thoughtful, curious and motivated Honors students early on in their education, but to create a space where each Fellow is challenged to develop a knowledge of the self that will deepen their intellectual life, strengthen their engagement with their academic community and foster authenticity and confidence in their personal and professional relationships.

Each spring semester, eligible students are invited to apply to be a part of the Fellows Project. The application process involves a written application, faculty recommendation and for the approximately 20 to 25 first and second year students selected as finalists, an in-depth interview with a panel of Honors at Iowa faculty and staff.

Dewey B. Stuit Scholarship | First & Second Year

Eligibility:
- College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
- First or Second Year student (at the time of application)
- Member of Honors at Iowa (at the time of application)
- Full-time student (minimum of 12 hours)

Named for their donor, long the University of Iowa Dean of Liberal Arts, the Dewey B. Stuit Scholarships go each year to one extraordinary first-year student and one superlative second-year student in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Recipients generally have GPAs of 3.9 or above. They also have strong records of attainment in extracurricular activities in high school and college, particularly activities connected with Honors at Iowa.
Rhodes Dunlap Scholarships | First & Second Year

Eligibility:
- Open to students in any undergraduate college
- First or Second Year student
- Member of Honors at Iowa (at the time of application)
- Full-time student (minimum of 12 hours)

Thanks to the bequest of its founder, Honors at Iowa provides Rhodes Dunlap Scholarships annually to outstanding first-year students. It does the same to outstanding second-year students. Winners typically have GPAs of 3.8 or higher. Encompassing high school as well as college, they also present significant attainments in extracurricular activities, especially activities in Honors at Iowa.

Recipients may come from any undergraduate college at the University of Iowa. Watch our website for upcoming deadlines and workshop dates beginning in October each fall semester. Honors Director of Scholar Development (SDC) for details in the fall semester. All Honors scholarships are awarded at our annual Spring Recognition Ceremony, which takes place in April each year.

For Dunlap First-Year Awards, students are putting together their applications by the end of the first semester on campus. But Weyer urges that, “As a first year student, you have no reason to be hesitant when applying for scholarships! You have worked hard for an entire semester and should have no problem approaching your professors for a scholarship recommendation letter. Contrary to stereotypical assumptions, professors genuinely enjoy meeting with students and writing them letters. Approaching a professor during your first year can also lay the foundation for a professional relationship that continues to grow throughout the remainder of your college career. Moreover first-year honors students can include high-school achievements to supplement their college credentials, to provide background for their current work.”

Guy D. and Betty J. Williams Scholarship | First through Third Year

Eligibility:
- Ability to offer selectors evidence of academic work or research activity which applies the principles of physics to environmental dilemmas or the development or support of sustainable practices.
- Student of the physical or biological sciences in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
- Students may apply in their first, second or third year of undergraduate study
- Member of Honors at Iowa (at the time of application)
- Full-time student (minimum of 12 hours)

In 2011, Honors began offering a new scholarship opportunity for Honors Students in Physics (or the natural or biological sciences) in collaboration with Iowa alumnus Brett Williams, now of Lockheed Martin. Named to celebrate his father and mother, the scholarship, Williams also sees his gift as an expression of his gratitude for mentoring by James Van Allen, Iowa’s distinguished Professor of Physics and Astronomy.

James D. Robertson Award for Excellence in the Social Sciences | Third Year

Eligibility:

- Graduate of an Iowa high school
- Student of the physical or biological sciences in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
- Students in their third year of undergraduate study.
- Member of Honors at Iowa (at the time of application)
- Full-time student (minimum of 12 hours)

This scholarship recognizes superlative academic and practical accomplishments in the social sciences. It goes each year to a junior who graduated from an Iowa high school and majors in a discipline of the social sciences.

Robertson recipients typically present GPAs of 3.85 and above, both overall and in their majors. Their applications also feature significant work beyond the classroom but related to their majors.

As a Robertson winner, Alex Einfeldt had been making use of the Honors Scholarship Director for several years. Einfeldt reports that “I was able to meet with the Scholarship Director to discuss my eligibility for certain scholarships and how I could improve my applications. She was especially helpful in providing feedback as I worked through multiple drafts of my application essays.”

Unlike most other Honors Scholarships, the Robertson Award has only one winner each year, making it especially important to make your self-presentation distinctive. As Einfeldt says, “For me, getting the application to stand above and beyond the competition means almost forgetting the competition completely. Instead I try to focus on communicating to the selectors who I am, what I have done with my time, and why I might especially deserve support.”

Kay Keeshan Hamod Scholarship for Excellence in History | Third Year

Eligibility:

- Student of history in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
- Students in their third year of undergraduate study.
- Member of Honors at Iowa (at the time of application)
- Full-time student (minimum of 12 hours)

Contributed by Honors Alumnus David Hamod in honor of his mother, this scholarship applauds a history major for designing a distinguished Honors Thesis or Project in that discipline. This award is meant to support work on that project, so recipients must be full-time students in History in the semester they apply for the Hamod Scholarship and in the following year when they hold it.

Applications for the Hamod Scholarship are due late in the Spring semester; for 2010 the deadline is April 1. Information about the scholarship as well as the application instructions can be found through the right-hand link for details from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.
Rhodes Dunlap Scholarships | Third Year

Eligibility:
- Open to students in any undergraduate college
- Students in their third year of study
- Member of Honors at Iowa (at the time of application)
- Full-time student (minimum of 12 hours)

Every year, the generosity of Honors Founder Rhodes Dunlap lets us recognize outstanding students in their sophomore or junior studies at Iowa. As many as twelve of these Dunlap Collegiate Scholars are chosen from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and up to two are students from each of the other Undergraduate Colleges. These Scholars usually have GPAs of 3.8 or above. They also have impressive accomplishments in extracurricular activities, including activities sponsored by Honors at Iowa.

As a 2007 Dunlap Collegiate Scholar, Amy Domeyer explained, “After the hours, weeks, and months I spent buried in textbooks and exams, the Rhodes Dunlap Award came as a great recognition for the extra time I devoted to academics. The extra cash was nice too; it helped me finance study abroad and get the most out of my education.”

Collegiate Scholar AWARDS | Graduating Seniors

Eligibility:
- Open to students in any undergraduate college
- Graduating Seniors
- Member of Honors at Iowa (at the time of application)
- Full-time student (minimum of 12 hours)

Each year, Honors at Iowa invites faculty, staff and students to help identify extraordinary graduating seniors across the University of Iowa for celebration as Collegiate Scholars. This high recognition acclaims student work in and beyond the classroom, with an emphasis on the applicant’s knowledge, skill, and experience as well as outstanding academic performance, excellence within their chosen discipline(s), and any contributions made to the University community through performance, research, organizational leadership, volunteer service and intellectual or creative engagement.

Honors strongly encourages faculty, staff and student nominations for the Collegiate Scholar Awards. Through this process, you can join Honors in acknowledging and celebrating our top scholars. As faculty, instructors, research mentors, and advisors, you challenge and nurture them to help them accomplish all they do.

We also welcome self-nominations from students – we DO NOT require a nomination for this process and students who submit their own nomination are considered as competitive as students who do come to the competition by way of a nomination from a faculty or staff member.

Recipients will be recognized at Honors at Iowa’s annual Recognition Ceremony on April 11, 2015. In addition to being recognized by the Honors Program, their peers, faculty mentors and family members, Collegiate Scholars may also choose to be considered for the role of student speaker at Honors Recognition or Commendation ceremonies.