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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.

Richard Tyner Scholarship | First & Second Years earning entry into program after their first semester.

Eligibility:

Applicants must:

- be a graduate of an Iowa high school,
- in their first or second year of study at the University of Iowa (at the time of application),
- have earned entry into the University of Iowa Honors Program by achieving a UI GPA of 3.5 or higher,
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☐ be a full-time student (enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours at the time of application), and
☐ not be a recipient of a major scholarship* or award, such as the Old Gold or Presidential Scholarship. *A major scholarship is defined one that awards $5,000 or more per year
☐ Preference will be given to applicants who are from a farm or small town (defined as less than 10,000 in population).

Established in the fall of 2015 by University of Iowa alumnus, Richard Tyner, the intent of the Tyner Scholarship is to offer financial support and recognition to current in-state University of Iowa students who were able to qualify for and enter the Honors Program by becoming more engaged and academically successful during their first year at the university.

Application Process: Applicants must meet the criteria for eligibility outlined above. The application window for the Tyner will open in the fall of each year in conjunction with Honors at Iowa’s annual Scholarship competition. To apply for the Tyner Scholarship, interested students must complete Honors at Iowa's universal online scholarship application by Monday, February 15, 2016 at 11:59 PM. Qualified Honors students should apply by early spring (see deadlines) of their first or second year to receive funding for the following academic year. This award is NOT renewable.

Award Details: The Tyner Scholarship is awarded by Honors at Iowa and the selection process is managed by our Director of Scholar Development. At the discretion of the selection committee, Honors will award either one scholarship in the amount of $5,000, or two in the amount of $2,500 each. Award amounts, as well as the number of scholarships offered may change in the years following the inception of the scholarship as the endowment of the Tyner Scholarship fund increases. This will be at the discretion of the donor or his appointee.

The Tyner Scholarship will be presented at Honors at Iowa’s Annual Spring Recognition Ceremony.

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 | Physics prioritized!
- 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.”

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.”

Kay Keeshan Hamod Scholarship for Excellence in History | Third Year

Eligibility:
- Students of history in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
- Students in their third year or fourth year of undergraduate study.
- Member of Honors at Iowa (at the time of application and receipt)
- Full-time student (minimum of 12 hours)
- Deadline for the Hamod is in the Fall Semester. For more information visit our website.

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 and Honors in the semester they apply for the Hamod Scholarship and in the following semester when they hold it.

Applications for the Hamod Scholarship are due to the Honors faculty advisor in the Department of History in the fall semester of each year. This award is not included in our universal application. For more information visit our website.