To fully engage with the extraordinary intellectual, ethical, and social emotional demands students will face as leaders, investigators, and creators, they must strive know themselves as well as they know their disciplines. The Fellows Project was established to not only identify and reward some of our 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.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for the Fellows Project, an applicant must:

- Be a member in good standing of the University of Iowa Honors Program at the time of application, as well as throughout two year funding period,
- Be currently enrolled as a full-time student,
- Be intending to enroll as a full-time student in the 2016-2017 Academic Year
- Be in the second semester of their first or second year (entering in Fall 2014 or 2015)
- have established a University of Iowa GPA of 3.5 or higher

Selection Criteria

Students invited to join the Fellows Project will be able to demonstrate their interest in further developing the following skills, traits and perspectives:

- an authentic investment in the process of learning and the pursuit of challenge,
- a desire to contribute to one’s chosen communities - academic, creative, athletic, faith-based, political, social, entrepreneurial...and more,
- adaptability, curiosity, and self-awareness, and
- strong writing and speaking skills - extroverts and introverts alike!

Benefits & Responsibilities

Each Fellow in our community will have access to a spectrum of intellectual, professional and social opportunities, including:

- two years of dedicated scholarship funding,
- structured engagement through a fall scholar development seminar, which challenges students to cultivate self knowledge through existential exploration and practical experimentation. This seminar is offered in the first year of funding and is required of all Fellows. The date is set for the fall seminar shortly after each cohort is selected in March to allow students to protect the chosen time frame in their schedules.
- connection to other Fellows, like-minded peer collaborators, Honors faculty and staff, university leadership, and visiting thought leaders, as well as
- individually tailored research, fellowship and graduate school advising.
Once selected, Fellows must maintain an active connection to the project for two years, or four semesters. This relationship is demonstrated through the following activities:

- maintaining a minimum 3.5 UI GPA throughout the duration of their two-year relationship with the Fellows Project,
- a scheduled conference with the Fellowships Director at least once per semester to discuss curricular and career goals,
- participation in structured discourse through a weekly course taught by Honors at Iowa’s Director of Scholar Development in the fall semester of the first year of funding,
- be available for scholar development activities throughout the academic year, including events organized by UIHP Scholarships & Fellowships, Honors at Iowa and the larger UI community,
- be prepared to contribute to the ongoing development of the Fellows Project and other scholar development initiatives by serving (as needed and when able) on an Executive Fellows Committee that will advise on proposed changes to policies and procedures, community events, and faculty-student relations.

How to Apply

A complete application package must include the following components:

- a resume or CV, which should not exceed more than two pages in length
- one letter of recommendation from an individual who is familiar with your academic work and intellectual potential. (This letter of support MUST come from a University of Iowa faculty member, lecturer, or teaching assistant. Please note: Honors Program Professional Staff are NOT able to serve as recommenders for this competition as it may create conflicts of interest)

- and our 2016-2017 Universal Application Form, which requires each applicant to respond to the following essay prompt:

  **What do you care about most? Why?**

  With this question, anything is on the table, but whatever you choose to discuss, you **MUST** answer both parts of the question in order for your essay to be considered complete.

  If you aren’t sure what to write about or how to approach this prompt, do not give up. It is a deceptively simple question which offers you the opportunity to explore meaning and motivation in your life. For more guidance, visit the “Develop Your Application” section of Honors website at [http://honors.uiowa.edu/uihpfellowships-developing-your-application](http://honors.uiowa.edu/uihpfellowships-developing-your-application)

  **Please limit your responses to a maximum of 800 words.**

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