Honors Student Engagement Scholarships
Applications Open in Spring 2021
Current Deadline: March 15, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.

OVERVIEW of HONORS STUDENT ENGAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Honors Student Engagement Scholarships (HSES) are designed to support experiential learning and intellectual development opportunities for honors students by providing scholarship awards up to $1,000 to offset costs for:

- Traveling to professional conferences to present academic papers
- Conducting academic research or projects
- Participating in an education abroad program
- Collaborating with community partners on changemaking efforts
- Working in an internship that closely relates to a student's major and/or future profession
- Engaging in activities to enhance competitiveness for nationally competitive scholarships

HSESs can only support experiential learning activities closely related to ETSU Honors College coursework and other Honors College approved events, opportunities, and practices. In most circumstances funding will only be provided to students *via scholarships applied to their accounts*. We are rarely able to provide funds directly to students that are not applied to their accounts as scholarships (if you are awarded an HSES, it is your responsibility to consult with the ETSU Financial Aid Office to determine whether the HSES will impact your financial aid, if applicable).

HSES cannot be used to fund the purchase of equipment such as laptops, cameras, or computers nor can they be used to pay general ETSU tuition and fees that are not specifically tied to an experiential learning opportunity (e.g., education abroad, service learning, a research project, or a summer internship course, among other possibilities).

For questions about whether your activity or project qualifies for an HSES, please contact Dr. Christopher Keller at kellercj@etsu.edu.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES and ELIGIBILITY

Honors students may apply for an HSES by filling out the application below. The Honors Scholarship Committee will review each HSES application and determine awards according to the following criteria:

- How clearly the project supports the student's intellectual and/or professional development
- How the project ties into the student's honors curriculum and/or honors-focused activities
- The strength and clarity of the application, particularly the statement of purpose
- The availability HSES funds

Any student who is in good standing in one of the following ETSU Honors College is eligible to apply for an HSES: *Changemaker Scholars Program*, *Fine and Performing Arts Scholars Program*, *Global Citizen Scholars Program*, *Honors-in-Discipline Program*, *Midway Scholars Program*, *Presidential Honors Community Service Scholars Program*, or *University Honors Scholars Program*.

Students who have previously received an Honors Student Engagement Scholarship may apply for another; however, they will be given a lower priority than students who have not previously been awarded an HSES.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Two HSES award cycles exist during the calendar year, each with its own priority deadline. Students may apply after a priority deadline has passed; however, funds may no longer be available at that point in time.

- **March 15 Deadline**: For experiences and projects in the upcoming *summer* or *fall* semester
- **October 15 Deadline**: For experiences and projects in the upcoming *spring* or *summer* semester

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Since HSES funds derive largely from endowments, student recipients will likely be required to write a thank you letter and/or provide other material to donors that apprises them of their activities funded by the award. Students who receive an HSES also agree to assist with any marketing and media requests made by the Honors College that highlight experiences and activities the HSES made possible.

In some circumstances, students will be required to submit receipts that document expenses associated with their HSES application. The Honors College will inform students how and where to submit those receipts, when needed.

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