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Oklahoma Scholar Leadership Enrichment Program

Henry Bellmon Office of Scholar Development and Undergraduate Research

OSU has long been a national leader and innovator in scholar development and, more recently, undergraduate research. For over 25 years, this office has prepared students for the future, whether in competition for prestigious national/international fellowships, admission to top graduate schools, securing highly competitive jobs, or attaining the skills required to grow as a leader. We offer diverse programs, targeted to a wide range of majors, year classifications, and interests to elevate a large number of students’ undergraduate experience. This office enhances undergraduate opportunity, encourages student-faculty mentoring, and promotes retention through five primary areas:

1. Scholarship/Fellowship Success
   Outstanding students can compete for a wide range of prestigious national and international scholarships as sophomores, juniors and seniors at OSU, such as the Rhodes, Marshall, Truman, Goldwater, Udall, and others. In addition, there is a host of lesser-known but still valuable opportunities that require students to prepare competitive applications. This office monitors student progress, provides important information, supplies support, and plans courses and activities that can lead to success in these areas. Interested students can contact the office to inquire about opportunities and strategies. Often faculty will nominate candidates who have been performing...
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2. Writers' Workshop
   All successful applicants who are awarded with an OSU institutional nomination for the Truman, Goldwater and Udall scholarships receive an invitation to participate in the annual Writers' Workshop at the OSU Doel Reed Center for the Arts in Taos, New Mexico. Significant scholarship support is provided for each nominee to participate in the workshop, which is held during the last week of students' winter break (early January). OSU faculty and staff from the office join forces to mentor student nominees and to provide feedback on their national application materials.

3. Undergraduate Research
   An incentive for the kinds of students who are considered OSU's best and brightest, the Lew Wentz Foundation and generous donors provide substantial private funding to OSU for several scholarship programs that are managed in this office. The programs include:
   Wentz Research Scholar Grant—an opportunity for undergraduates to plan and perform high-level research under the direction of a faculty mentor ($4,500 each);
   Freshman Research Scholars Program—whereby top entering students can begin their careers with a scholarship for orientation to research ($1,000 each);
   Undergraduate Research Scholar Transcript Designation—Thanks to opportunities in undergraduate research at OSU, those receiving degrees can qualify for the ‘Undergraduate Research Scholar’ designation on the transcript, a valuable achievement. To be considered, the student must:
   a. For a minimum of two semesters, be engaged in and make intellectual contributions to a research or creative project under the direction of a faculty member and/or faculty-led team; and either
   b. Disseminate the results of their research or creative project at a peer-reviewed state, regional or national conference and/or juried artistic venue such as an art exhibition, concert or festival; or
   c. Publish (or accept for publication) their research project in (1) a peer-reviewed research or professional journal, or (2) an OCES fact sheet or similar educational publication, or (3) have used their research as the basis for development and implementation of peer-reviewed educational programming.

4. Cambridge Scholars Program
   This two-week summer program brings up to 22 of OSU's top students to the University of Cambridge, UK for a special short course taught by OSU faculty. The program also provides substantial scholarship support for students.
   The benefits of participating in the Cambridge Scholars Program are numerous, especially if the course topic in a given year is of substantial interest to the student. Additional benefits include gaining a better understanding of British education in general and the education system at Cambridge in particular. Many program alumni have gone on to apply for graduate school at the University and have been successful.

5. Individual and Institutional Recognition
   This office strives to promote scholarship and undergraduate research at the highest level at OSU through the formal recognition of both individual students and faculty, as well as through the promotion of the University as a whole. Visit the Halligan Hall of Scholars in the Student Union atrium for more information.

For further information on all programs, please contact the office at 405-744-7313 or visit www.okstate.edu/scholars (http://www.okstate.edu/scholars/).