



# Nurturing excellence

Support for generations of  
honors students

The Irvin D. Reid Honors College prepares Wayne State University's highest-achieving students to be leaders in the local community and beyond. Through programs that are academically rigorous and culturally engaged, we enhance the education of more than 2,000 exemplary undergraduate students each year while encouraging them to be involved in student organizations and active in shaping our world.

Honors students do it all — from immersive research and advanced creative projects to community service and mentorship. Every day they balance

demanding schedules while giving back generously in service to the college. In return, we strive to elevate our level of support to attract and retain these ambitious students who enrich the reservoir of talent at Wayne State and raise our standard of academic excellence.

Whether you choose to support scholarships, experiences, or living expenses, your gift to the Honors College can have a lasting impact on students in a variety of ways.



## TUITION SUPPORT

Tuition support for honors students includes both completion scholarships offered in their final year and general scholarships offered throughout their studies. Although honors students receive merit scholarships that ease their financial burden, many still have unmet financial need that lengthens their path to graduation. Donor support of tuition scholarships at the college fills financial gaps for honors students, allowing them to finish their degrees and begin successful careers across all industries and fields.



## HOUSING SUPPORT

Living on campus allows students to fully immerse themselves in the Wayne State experience and form relationships that last a lifetime. Proximity to campus also reduces the concerns of transportation and housing insecurity that can negatively affect students' academic performance, leading to increased success in the classroom. This opportunity should be accessible to all students regardless of economic factors. Donor-supported housing scholarships provide students with a stable, on-campus home where they can focus more on their futures and less on the stress of meeting this basic need.



## STUDY ABROAD SUPPORT

Study abroad programs offer students unique experiential learning opportunities and life-changing chances to explore different parts of the world. Students who participate in a study abroad program enhance their job training and skill development while gaining cultural experience that helps reframe the way they see the world. Donor support of study abroad scholarships increases honor students' exposure to different cultures and communities, amplifying their ability to understand broad societal issues and develop transformational solutions.

## WAYS TO GIVE

Endowed scholarships

An endowed scholarship is permanent – which means your gift provides meaningful student support now and for generations to come. The university carefully invests your gift to ensure ongoing financial support. Scholarship awards are given through investment earnings, and the amount is determined by the size of the fund.

*Examples of gifts and estimated award amounts follow.*

Endowment Gift	Projected Annual Scholarship Award	Annual Impact
\$300,000	\$12,000	Annual housing and food for one honors student
\$125,000	\$5,000	One semester of travel and cost-of-living study abroad expenses for one honors student
\$40,000	\$1,600	One semester of tuition for an in-state freshman



## ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Annual scholarships are available for students as soon as the next academic year begins and will continue until the funds are exhausted. The number of students who receive annual scholarships depends on the amount of each award, which is determined by the financial needs of students. For example, a gift of \$25,000 could provide:

**5** or **10**  
honors students with scholarships of **\$5,000** each or **\$2,500** each

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*I am paying for my own tuition and would not have been able to live at Wayne State if it wasn't for this scholarship. And now that I'm here, I see why the residential experience is so special. I truly believe my college experience as a whole will be exponentially better because of this award. I have a group of incredible friends in my Honors Living Learning Community and have been able to build strong relationships with them and others by attending social events on campus. Wayne State University is where I feel at home, and it's all thanks to donors like you.”*

**Elana Anderson**  
Industrial Design and  
University Honors major,  
Michael and Nancy Timmis  
Endowed Scholarship recipient

However you choose to give, your support helps students realize their dreams. Thank you for your interest in supporting students who can build a bright future through the exceptional education Wayne State provides. For more information on student support opportunities at the Honors College and the impact you can make, please contact our development team at 313-577-1664.



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