

A&S College Scholars

Summer Enrichment Projects for College Scholars

College Scholars may earn one honors point for qualifying summer experiences. To earn the honors point, Scholars must submit an end of summer report about their experience, as detailed below.

Qualifying experiences

- A *supervised* research, internship, or service project
 - Research is defined broadly
 - Experience can be paid or unpaid, and either for credit or not for credit
 - Experience can be arranged independently or through a program
 - You must have a supervisor (faculty member, manager, boss, mentor, etc.)
 - An internship is something you do primarily for personal or professional development. A job is something you do primarily for financial gain. Jobs do not qualify.
- A minimum of 150 hours spent on the experience
 - This is approximately equivalent to a 3 credit hour independent study during a semester
 - Variable time spent is okay: e.g. 4 weeks of full time (40 hours/week) experience, or 8 weeks at 20 hours/week, or 2 weeks at 40 hours/week + a one month break + 2 more weeks at 40 hours/week
- Classes taken for credit at Vanderbilt (either domestic or abroad), and independent/family travel *do not* qualify as a summer enrichment. Scholars may enrich a Vanderbilt summer course (including a Maymester) with a proposal and project like they could during the academic year.

Project Report

To earn an honors point, Scholars must write a 3-5 page reflection report after their summer experience. Scholars do not have to submit an enrichment proposal like they would for an enrichment project during the academic year. The report should include the following details:

- What kind of project did you do? Where did you do it? How long did you work on the project? Who was your direct supervisor? Please include contact information for your supervisor (email, phone number)
- What were the goals of the project? What were your personal, professional, and academic goals?
- How does this project relate to your immersion project, major(s)/minors(s), career preparation, or personal development? → If your experience doesn't relate to any of these, it does not qualify for an honors point
- What were the main tasks that you performed this summer?
- What were the main outcomes from your activities?
- What went well and according to plan, and what did not go well?
- If you could do it all again, what would you do the same and what would you do differently?
- Other reflective thoughts? Best/worst? Most/least?
- If available, please include other products from your summer project (e.g. an abstract, poster, presentation, pictures, audio/video files, reports, performances, etc.)

Deadline

Summer enrichment project reports are due by September 1 each year. They can be printed and delivered to Dean Morgan's office in Buttrick 350, or emailed to Dean Morgan.

