

Mission

"The great end of Life is not knowledge – but action." Thomas Huxley. Huxley was right, and the University Scholars Program of NC State University embraces this challenge: To introduce students to the visual and performing arts, to encourage them to consider critical issues drawn from the sciences and contemporary affairs, to offer them opportunities to connect their academic and personal goals, and through these experiences empower them to be informed citizens, ethical leaders, and active contributors to our society.

History

The University Scholars Program began in 1980 as a collaborative effort between the Division of Student Affairs and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences to provide enriched educational opportunities to academically talented undergraduates (who were known as "Scholars of the College"). From its origins in CHASS, the program expanded to include students from all NC State colleges and was renamed the Residential Scholars Program. In 1988 it received its current name, the University Scholars Program, and became the first campus-wide program for academically talented students. The program counts among its graduates hundreds of student body leaders and winners of prestigious national and international scholarships.

People

- Six professional and support staff
- 15 student staff

Activities

- **The Scholars Forum** features lectures by prominent national and international figures and performances by accomplished artists
- **Tickets** to plays, concerts, international films, galleries and special museum exhibitions on campus and in the surrounding community
- **Field trips to cultural sites** that preserve our history and to research centers that are creating tomorrow's knowledge
- **Access to honors courses** and early course registration privileges
- **An Outdoor Leadership Series** which provides students with weekend and weeklong outdoor leadership and service experiences, in North Carolina and across the United States.
- **A Language Exchange Program** that pairs University Scholars with NC State staff members whose native language is not English
- **A Book Club and Film Series** providing introductions to the best national and international literature and cinema
- **Annual educational and cultural field trips** to New York City, Washington DC and abroad (London, Paris, Barcelona, Greece, Italy), and participation in the USP Study Abroad Program in Florence, Italy
- **The Scholars Village**, a dynamic living and learning community in Sullivan Residence Hall

Participation

- **1,670 University Scholars** in Spring 2010

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