



College of Natural Science Dean's Research Scholars

DEAN'S RESEARCH SCHOLARS DESCRIPTION AND EXPECTATIONS

The scientists and mathematicians in the College of Natural Science at Michigan State University are at the leading edge of their fields and are actively preparing tomorrow's leaders and innovators through an integrated approach of outstanding teaching and learning through doing.

The Dean's Research Scholars are an elite group of outstanding undergraduate students who will represent the College of Natural Science at events or speaking engagements. Dean's Research Scholars have the ability to clearly communicate their research and classroom experiences to alumni and donors so they can best understand what it is like as a student on campus today.

DESCRIPTION

- Must be enrolled full-time (12 or more credits/semester) and majoring in the College of Natural Science for both Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 semester.
- Must be in academic good standing.
- Must have completed at least one semester of research with an MSU faculty mentor prior to application.

Scholars are named for a 12-month term from May 2016 through May 2017. During that time, you will participate in the following:

- Attend an orientation on being a Dean's Research Scholar prior to the start of Fall 2016 semester classes. Date, time and location to be determined in consultation with all Dean's Research Scholars.
- Participate in 2-4 College of Natural Science events or speaking engagements. *In-state travel is required and there may also be opportunities for out-of-state travel. Participation will be handled by the College of Natural Science Alumni Relations coordinator and we will do our best to accommodate school, family, and religious obligations.*
- Attend a briefing in advance of each event you will be participating in as deemed necessary by Alumni Relations coordinator of the College of Natural Science.
- Attend the College of Natural Science awards program in April 2017 (date, time and location to be determined).
- Participate in a panel discussion during Classes Without Quizzes in April 2017 (date, time and location to be determined).
- Write a student point-of-view during the school year for posting in MSU Today.

Dean's Research Scholars will be supported by a \$750 scholarship Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 semester for the 12 months (May 15, 2016 to May 31, 2017) of their service (This scholarship will affect your financial aid and you should be fully aware of the implications this scholarship may have and will not hold the College of Natural Science responsible.

The Dean's Research Scholars represent the College of Natural Science at events and speaking engagements across the U.S. As representatives of the College of Natural Science, and the Michigan State University community as a whole, Dean's Research Scholars will be expected to abide by the expectations set forth below as well as general university rules and regulations governing student conduct and discipline set forth in the Spartan Life handbook.

EXPECTATIONS

PERSONAL CONDUCT

When participating in a Dean's Research Scholar event:

- Be a positive representative of school spirit, student body, alumni, and tradition.
- Be appropriately dressed and groomed (see PERSONAL APPEARANCE below for specific information).
- Use only polite, appropriate, and mutually-respectful language and gestures.
- No alcohol is to be purchased, transported, consumed, or in your possession.
- No alcohol is to be consumed within 12 hours of the event.
- No drugs are to be used, purchased, transported/distributed, produced, or in your possession.
- No drugs are to be consumed within 12 hours of the event.
- No firearm or weapon, chemical, or other dangerous substance or compound are to be used, purchased, transported/distributed, produced, or in your possession, even if otherwise permitted by law.
- Sexual harassment and/or sexual misconduct will not be tolerated.
- Refrain from causing physical injury to others.
- Refrain from causing damage to real or personal property of others.
- Cell phones or other mobile devices shall not be used and should either be turned off or set to vibrate.
- Do not violate any local, state, or federal laws.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

When participating in a Dean's Research Scholar event, appropriate dress is "business casual".

For women this includes:

- Appropriate length skirt (i.e. no mini-skirt) or pants of a non-denim material
- Blouse, dress shirt, polo, or sweater with no exposed midriff
- Blazer or jacket is optional
- Informal dress with appropriate length skirt

PERSONAL APPEARANCE continued

For men this includes:

- Collared shirt, such as a long-sleeve dress shirt or polo
- Pants of a non-denim material with a belt
- A sweater or vest over a long-sleeve dress shirt is optional
- Blazer or sport coat is optional
- Tie is optional

The following are **NOT** appropriate:

- Gym shoes
- Flip flops
- Jeans/denim anything
- Sweats/gym clothing
- Pajamas/loungewear
- Underwear as outerwear
- Leggings/tights that are not covered by an article of clothing that hits mid-thigh or lower
- Baseball caps
- Clothing that reveals too much cleavage, your back, chest, or stomach
- Clothing, jewelry or accessories that:
 - Depicts profanity, vulgarity, obscenity, or violence
 - Promotes use or abuse of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco

Clothing shall be laundered and in good repair – no holes, rips, or fraying.

Proper attention shall be given to personal cleanliness, grooming, and neatness. Remember that some people are sensitive to the chemicals in perfumes and colognes, so wear these substances with restraint.

Questions about what is appropriate dress should be directed to the Alumni Relations coordinator of the College of Natural Science at least 48 hours in advance of your scheduled participation in an event.

EVENT SCHEDULING

All event scheduling, including travel arrangements, will be handled by the Alumni Relations coordinator of the College of Natural Science.

- We will do our best to make accommodations for school, family, and religious obligations. However, you are responsible for communicating your requests to the Alumni Relations coordinator as soon as possible.
- In case of medical or family emergency that would preclude your scheduled participation in an event, you must notify the Alumni Relations Coordinator as soon as possible.
- When participating in an event, show up on time, physically-able, and fully-prepared at the appointed time (set forth in the pre-event briefing session).

ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITIES

Appointment as Dean's Research Scholar should not preclude your academic responsibilities.

- Each instructor has the right to establish a class attendance policy which should be expressed in the course syllabus.
 - An instructor is under no obligation to give you a make-up assignment, quiz, or exam.
 - If you travel for a Dean's Research Scholar event and miss an assignment, exam, quiz, or participation points, instructors are not required to allow you to make-up those.
 - It is your responsibility to inform your instructors of your status as a Dean's Research Scholar and request an opportunity to make-up missed assignment, exam, quiz, or participation points due to travel. *The College of Natural Science will provide you with a form noting your status as a Dean's Research Scholar that you may use in your conversations with your instructors.*
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Violations of this agreement will be handled on a case-by-case basis by Dr. Mark Voit, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Students in the College of Natural Science. The severity, impact, and proximity to other violations will be taken into consideration when determining a course of action.

If I fail to comply with any of the above rules, I understand that the College of Natural Science at Michigan State University may terminate this agreement, my Dean's Research Scholar scholarship may be revoked, and that I may not receive consideration for future scholarships in the College of Natural Science at Michigan State University.