Scholarships

Incoming First-Year Students

UMass Amherst offers both merit and need-based scholarships to incoming first-year students who have demonstrated exceptional achievement in a variety of scholarly, extracurricular, and leadership activities. As an academically talented student, you may qualify. Your application for admission to the university serves as your application for these scholarships. No separate application form is needed. If you are selected, you will be notified in writing by the Undergraduate Admissions Office. Please note that Commonwealth Honors College does not evaluate applications for admission to CHC or for scholarships for incoming first year students.

The Undergraduate Admissions Office can respond to questions and provide more information about these university-administered scholarships.

Currently Matriculated Students

Commonwealth Honors College offers financial support to matriculated students in two ways: scholarships and research grants and fellowships.

You may qualify for scholarships available from Commonwealth Honors College. You must be enrolled at the university, having attended at least one semester, and also be a member of Commonwealth Honors College to apply. Below are descriptions of scholarships we offer. Please apply for Commonwealth Honors College scholarships at this link: http://umass.academicworks.com

Research grants and fellowships are available to students to support their research for their honors thesis or project or to gain experience in research in their academic field. You must be a member of Commonwealth Honors College in order to apply. Please see below for more information on honors research grants and fellowships. Apply for Commonwealth Honors College research grants and fellowships through CHC PATHS.

Additional Scholarship Information

The Office of National Scholarship Advisement (ONSA), located in 301 Commonwealth Honors College, supports outstanding students in applying for nationally competitive scholarships, fellowships, and awards.
Alternative Theatres: Edinburgh Fringe Theatre Festival

- Current First Years
- Current Sophomores
- Current Juniors
- Current Seniors

Members of the University of Massachusetts Amherst Commonwealth Honors College in good standing are eligible to apply for scholarships of up to $1,000 to assist with program costs for the summer abroad honors course, English 397DH - Alternative Theatres: Edinburgh Fringe Theatre Festival.

Andy Moes Scholarship

- CHC Only
- Current First Years
- Current Sophomores
- Current Juniors

University of Massachusetts Amherst Commonwealth Honors College members in their first, second or third year of study who are majoring in Hotel Management or Communications are eligible to apply for the Andy Moes Scholarship.

Annaliese Bischoff Honors Scholarship

- CHC Only
- Current First Years
- Current Sophomores
- Current Juniors
- Current Seniors

University of Massachusetts Amherst Commonwealth Honors College students who are pursuing creative endeavors in the arts and humanities or in social sciences are eligible to apply for the Annaliese Bischoff Honors Scholarship. Preference will be given to first generation college students and/or those with financial need as determined by the Financial Aid Office. This scholarship was endowed by a...

Celso Avelar Honors Research Grant

- CHC Only
- Current Juniors
- Current Seniors

The Celso Avelar Honors Research Grant is named in honor of a long-time member of the Commonwealth Honors College community, Celso Avelar. Mr. Avelar led the information technology unit within the college from 1998 to 2013, making dramatic improvements to the college’s technical infrastructure and services. Now an Enterprise Architect with Microsoft’s Enterprise Strategy Program, Mr. Avelar has...

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**Charles J. Hoff Scholarship**

- CHC Only
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- Current Juniors

Commonwealth Honors College students who are US. citizens or eligible non-residents of Massachusetts and demonstrate a minimum of $4,000 of financial need are eligible to apply for a Charles J. Hoff Scholarship. Funded by the Hoff Foundation, the scholarships are designed to provide need-based assistance to motivated Commonwealth Honors College Students. Students must file a Free Application for... Read More

**Class of 1941 Humanitarian Award**

- CHC Only
- Current Juniors
- Current Seniors

Up to seven awards of at least $2250 are made annually to students who articulate how they plan to use their education toward the betterment of the world. Recipients are chosen from among junior and senior Commonwealth Honors College students in good standing who provide documentation of their community service and submit a written essay.

**Cooke Family Fund Scholarship**

- CHC Only
- Current Seniors

This award is endowed by the Cooke family in memory of family members, several of whom were alumni of the University- Theodore F. Cooke’, Sr. ’01, Robert G. Cooke ’25, Dorothy Cooke Robbins ’28, Theodore F. Cooke, Jr. ’34, Helen Cooke Rudzinski Hough, and Alma Cooke Kendall Bassett. Recipients of the cash prize of $1,000 are selected from among senior Commonwealth Honors College students who have... Read More

**David and Linda Littlefield Scholarship**

- CHC Only
- Current First Years
- Current Sophomores
- Current Juniors

The David and Linda Littlefield Scholarship was established by their son, Matthew Littlefield ’99 to honor his parents and to support Commonwealth Honors College students study abroad experience. Littlefield participated in the Oxford Summer Seminar and a study abroad program in Mexico as a student at UMass Amherst.
David J. Snyder Memorial Scholarship

- CHC Only
- Current First Years
- Current Sophomores
- Current Juniors

Commonwealth Honors College students in their first, second or third year of study are eligible to apply for the David J. Snyder Memorial Scholarship. Each year one or more scholarships are awarded as a one-time award and applied toward the student's tuition in the following academic year. Selection is based on a combination of financial need and academic achievement.

David N. Hansen Scholarship

- CHC Only
- Current First Years
- Current Sophomores
- Current Juniors

This scholarship is funded by an honors alumnus and consists of a one-time award that is applied directly toward the student’s tuition and fees. Selection is based on a combination of financial need, academic achievement and career goals.

Evans Family Scholarship for Environmental Conservation

- Current Juniors

The Evans Family Scholarship was established to recognize exemplary work on any aspect of the environment completed as part of the student’s studies. All areas of study are eligible.

Frank and Helen DiGiammarino Scholarship Fund

- CHC Only
- Current First Years
- Current Sophomores
- Current Juniors
- Current Seniors

The Frank and Helen DiGiammarino Scholarship Fund was established in 1999 by members of the DiGiammarino family, many of whom are UMass alums, as a way to honor their parents, Frank and Helen DiGiammarino for their commitment to academic excellence.

Honors Dean's Award

- CHC Only
Current Seniors

Ten annual awards of $500 each are made to senior Commonwealth Honors College students based on the excellence of their thesis or project.

**Honors Research Grants**

- CHC Only
- Current Juniors
- Current Seniors

APPLICATIONS DUE: STUDENTS: MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2018 11:59 P.M. FACULTY: SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 2018 11:59 P.M. Honors Research Grants support a student’s own research project or creative work, under the guidance of a Faculty Sponsor. The program is designed to give students experience with the process of writing a grant proposal, and disseminating their work by applying to present (including... Read More

**Howard H. Quint Memorial Prize in Honors**

- CHC Only
- Current Seniors

Established in memory of Professor Howard Quint, former History Department Chair and co-founder of the Honors Program, the prize of approximately $500 is awarded jointly by the History Department and Commonwealth Honors College. Candidates are nominated by faculty from among senior students enrolled in Commonwealth Honors College, based on the student's academic record through the junior year,... Read More

**Kenneth L. O'Brien Scholarship**

- CHC Only
- Current First Years
- Current Sophomores
- Current Juniors

First, second and third-year students who have completed at least one semester of college-level work with an outstanding academic record and are members of Commonwealth Honors College at UMass Amherst are eligible to apply for the Kenneth L. O'Brien Scholarship. Preference will be given to students participating in cross country/track & field or another "minor" sport. This $1,500 scholarship... Read More

**Lawrence Payne ’77 Public Service Scholarship**

- CHC Only
- Current Seniors

This award was endowed by the Class of 1977 in memory of their classmate who graduated with Departmental Honors in Political Science. Mr. Payne died with Commerce Secretary Ron Brown in the 1996 plane crash in Croatia. Award recipients...
are selected from among senior Commonwealth Honors College students based on their academic achievement and demonstrated commitment to public service.

**Lewenberg Family Scholarship**

- CHC Only
- Current First Years
- Current Sophomores
- Current Juniors

Commonwealth Honors College students in their first, second or third year of study, who are active in Hillel, are eligible to apply for the Lewenberg Family Scholarship. Each year one or more scholarships are awarded as a one-time grant and applied toward the student's tuition in the following academic year. Selection is based on a combination of financial need and academic achievement.

**Marybeth T. Murphy Memorial Scholarship Fund**

- Current First Years
- Current Sophomores
- Current Juniors

The Marybeth T. Murphy Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in memory of Marybeth T. Murphy, a 1983 graduate who studied landscape architecture with a major in environmental design, this scholarship serves as a tribute to her and her commitment to urban public art. She helped design many parks, city streets, and bike trails in an effort to make the world a more beautiful place. Friends and...

**Melvin Howard Scholarship**

- CHC Only
- Current First Years
- Current Sophomores
- Current Juniors

Commonwealth Honors College students in their first, second or third year of study, with an interest in economics or business, are eligible to apply for the Melvin Howard Scholarship. The Melvin Howard Fund supports up to five $1,500 scholarships or Honor Research Grants relative to business or economics (see Honors Research Grants on the Commonwealth Honors College web site). The scholarships...

**Nancy Cullen ’76 Scholarship**

- CHC Only
- Current Sophomores
- Current Juniors

Second and third-year students who are members of Commonwealth Honors College,
participate in the UMass Amherst Minuteman Marching Band, and have demonstrated financial need are eligible to apply for the Nancy M. Cullen Scholarship Award. A proud alumna of the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Ms. Cullen established this scholarship to encourage and reward the dedication and commitment... Read More

Rachel and John Morton Honors Scholarship

- CHC Only
- Current First Years
- Current Sophomores

Commonwealth Honors College students in their first or second year of study are eligible to apply for the Rachel and John Morton Honors Scholarship. This year, two scholarships will be awarded as a one-time grant and applied toward the student's tuition in the following academic year. Selection is based on a combination of financial need and academic achievement. In addition, all other things... Read More

Research Assistant Fellowships

- CHC Only
- Current First Years
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- Current Juniors

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Tabacco-Schmidt Scholarship

- Current Sophomores

This scholarship is a need-driven scholarship for Pell-grant recipients in CHC entering their junior year. Joseph Tabacco is a class of 1971 UMass-Amherst graduate earning his degree in Government, while at UMass, he was active in student government, having served two term as Class President. In 1974, Joe attained his law degree with Honors from George Washington University School of Law. He... Read More

UMass Amherst Oxford Summer Seminar at Trinity College Scholarship

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- Current First Years
- Current Sophomores
- Current Juniors

Commonwealth Honors College students in good standing are eligible to apply for a scholarship of up to $2,000 for the Oxford Summer Seminar held annually at Trinity
College, Oxford University. Selection is based on a combination of financial need and an essay by the student stating how the Oxford Seminar would further their academic program. Granting of the scholarship is also dependent upon the... 

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