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**AWARD**

Students are paid the Massachusetts minimum wage through the University’s Student Hourly Payroll system, and student hours are reported through their Faculty Sponsor’s department. Fellowships may be approved for up to $500 per semester.

PLEASE NOTE: Fellowships are one-time awards. Students who are awarded a fellowship are not automatically awarded additional fellowships in subsequent semesters. Students must follow the online application details for each semester they plan to apply.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Applicants must be Commonwealth Honors College students in good academic standing (i.e., minimum cumulative GPA of 3.4).

Applications must be jointly submitted by students and their Faculty Sponsors. TAs and Grad students may not serve as Faculty Sponsors. For tips on finding a Faculty Sponsor visit [https://www.honors.umass.edu/research/facultysponsor/](https://www.honors.umass.edu/research/facultysponsor/).

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**CRITERIA**

The student must initiate the application. The student’s application must include an essay of at least 300 words that describes what they hope to accomplish academically/personally through this fellowship. Students proposing their own project must also provide a project description.

Faculty Sponsor must upload a letter of endorsement and their CV, and provide a
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Requirements

See checklist: https://www.honors.umass.edu/research/fellowshipchecklist

How to Apply

Log into CHC PATHS.