NC STATE UNIVERSITY Park Scholarships

SCHOLARSHIP

Park Scholars are intellectually curious students who seek learning experiences beyond the classroom.

LEADERSHIP

Park Scholars listen well, lead by example, take risks, and champion original ideas.



NIKHIL MILIND '21

Majors: Computer Science and Genetics Minor: Mathematics Hometown: Raleigh, NC

Nikhil is a Goldwater Scholar who conducted research using statistical and machine learning approaches to understand human disease. He earned his master's degree at the University of Cambridge as a Churchill scholar and is now pursuing a Ph.D. in genetics at Stanford University.



RITIKA SHAMDASANI '23

Major: Fashion and Textile Management Concentration: Fashion Development and Product Management

Hometown: Fayetteville, NC

Ritika is the co-founder of Sani, an apparel brand inspired by South Asian culture. She has participated in the Poole College of Management's Andrews Launch Accelerator, designed to help Wolfpack entrepreneurs take their startups to the next level, and has partnered with Rent the Runway, Karlie Kloss, and Adidas to grow her business.

SERVICE

Park Scholars dedicate themselves to making a positive difference in their communities.

CHARACTER

Park Scholars exemplify the highest levels of integrity, honesty, and conscientiousness.



ANDREW DADDONE '22

Major: Mechanical Engineering Minor: Business Administration

Hometown: Frederick, MD

Andrew served as the COO of Scivir, a Park Scholar-founded nonprofit focused on environmental justice. He fabricated and installed a water remediation system for a grade school in rural Ethiopia and traveled to a mountainous region of the Dominican Republic to build a water tower for rural communities. Andrew completed a mechanical engineering co-op and also worked as a research assistant in the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene lab at NC State.



ADACHI AMARAM '25

Major: Political Science Minors: Psychology and History Hometown: Chesterfield, VA

Adachi serves as vice president of the African Student Union and as a delegate in the Association of Student Governments. She aspires to make a difference in politics or civil rights law. She completed a summer fellowship with Backbone Digital Leaders researching and strategizing political organizing initiatives and voter drives focused on Black people and women of color at NC State.





NC STATE UNIVERSITY is North Carolina's preeminent research institution, with nationally renowned programs in engineering, veterinary medicine, textiles, statistics, design, linguistics, agriculture, business, and more. They conduct cutting-edge research, launch new companies, and perform acts of world-changing service.

The **Park Scholarships program** brings together students with outstanding accomplishments and potential in scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Approximately one-third of Park Scholarships are designated for out-of-state students.

THE PARK SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM

provides a four-year scholarship covering:

- Tuition, fees, and room and board
- Books and personal expenses
- Enrichment grants to fund study abroad, research projects, service activities, conferences, and more

THE PARK EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:

- Professional training in leadership, public speaking, and business etiquette
- Educational trips, retreats, and seminars
- Faculty mentors who provide individual guidance on undergraduate research, scholarships, graduate school, and career paths
- Network of more than 1,000 accomplished Park Scholarships alumni worldwide

To be eligible for the Park Scholarships program, a candidate must be:

- A United States citizen, permanent resident, or graduating from a high school within the U.S. regardless of citizenship
- Applying for fall, first-year admission to a baccalaureate program at NC State

What do Park Scholars do with an NC State education?

Park Scholars are entrepreneurs, engineers, nonprofit founders, government leaders, doctors, lawyers, and more. Park Scholars use internships and co-ops at places like Apple, Congress, and NASA to launch careers at leading corporations, nonprofits, and government organizations.

Park Scholars routinely receive prestigious honors like the Churchill, Marshall, and Knight-Hennessy scholarships and the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship to pursue graduate educations at Harvard, MIT, Stanford, Oxford, and Cambridge.

Recent Park Scholars have been awarded the Goldwater, Boren, Fulbright, and Critical Language scholarships to:

- Conduct cutting-edge research
- Study in countries like Morocco and China
- Serve in the Dominican Republic, Italy, South Korea, and Spain
- Study languages such as Swahili and Chinese



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