NC STATE UNIVERSITY
Park Scholarships

CELEBRATING
25 YEARS

SCHOLARSHIP | LEADERSHIP | SERVICE | CHARACTER
PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Park Scholarships program, now in its 25th year, brings exceptional students to North Carolina State University based on outstanding accomplishments and potential in scholarship, leadership, service, and character. The program develops and supports Park Scholars in these areas, preparing them for lifelong contributions to the university, state, nation, and world.

BENEFITS

- Four-year scholarship valued at $112,000 for North Carolina residents and $203,000 for out-of-state students, including:
  - Tuition and fees
  - Room and board
  - Books and personal expenses
  - Educational trips, retreats, and seminars
  - Enrichment grants to fund study abroad, research projects, service activities, conferences, and more

- Early course registration

- Park Faculty Mentors who work individually with Park Scholars in preparation for undergraduate research, internships, graduate and professional schools, and national scholarships
THE PARK EXPERIENCE

Throughout their four years, Park Scholars participate in a series of activities designed to advance their personal and professional development in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character:

• Freshman Seminar: Weekly seminar during the first year featuring outstanding NC State faculty and other distinguished guests

• Team building retreats: Opportunities to strengthen connections and reflect at transitional points in Park Scholars’ college experiences

• Learning Laboratories: Unique field experiences designed by each class to study leadership in the context of state and national issues, traditionally involving travel within North Carolina during the first year and to Washington, D.C., in the second year

• Leadership Academy: A comprehensive, four-year program to develop Park Scholars’ leadership potential

• Civic Engagement Initiatives: Year-long projects with community organizations to develop strategies and implement solutions for issues facing the populations they serve
PARK SCHOLAR ACHIEVEMENTS

AT NC STATE...

- Recipients of national scholarships, including the Boren, Churchill, Fulbright, Goldwater, Marshall, Mitchell, Truman, and Udall awards, and National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowships
- Internships and co-ops with Bank of America, the Grand Ole Opry, East Carolina Heart Institute, Moholoholo Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, Sandia National Laboratories, and Virgin Galactic
- Research, study, and service abroad to countries including Australia, Belize, China, Germany, Kenya, Morocco, Nepal, Spain, and South Africa

AND BEYOND...

- Admission to top graduate and professional schools, including Cambridge, Columbia, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, New York University, Oxford, Stanford, and Yale
- Employment with leading corporations, including Amazon, Apple, Cisco Systems, CNN, Deloitte, Exxon Mobil, Google, McKinsey & Company, Merck, Patagonia, Procter & Gamble, SAS Institute, and Tesla
- Successful entrepreneurial ventures in diverse fields, as well as careers in the nonprofit and government sector with organizations including the American Red Cross, Environmental Defense Fund, NASA, National Wildlife Federation, Peace Corps, Teach for America, U.S. Senate, and World Health Organization
• **The Krispy Kreme Challenge**, founded and led by Park Scholars, is a charity race that’s best described by the numbers: 5 miles, 12 donuts, 60 minutes or less. More than 5,000 runners participated in the 16th annual Krispy Kreme Challenge, raising $175,000 for UNC Children’s Hospital. This brought the race’s cumulative donation to approximately $1.87 million of its $2 million commitment.

• **Service Raleigh**, created and coordinated by Park Scholars and other NC State student leaders, is an annual day of service. For 22 years, the event has convened up to 2,000 volunteers from NC State and the surrounding community to provide aid to more than 70 local organizations.

• **Triangle Youth Leadership Services (TYLS)**, founded eleven years ago by a group of Park Scholars, is a two-day leadership conference that partners dozens of NC State students with hundreds of high school students from across North Carolina to apply design-thinking to solve real-life community challenges. The conference features sessions on public speaking, goal setting, and creative problem solving to develop the leadership skills of the participants.
Alumni support the Park Scholarships program by serving on various advisory committees and Regional Selection Committees. They also mentor current scholars and give generously to Park Scholarships funds. More broadly, Park alumni continue to make valuable professional and personal contributions to society through their individual industries and endeavors. Here are a few examples of their recent pursuits.

After studying meteorology and marine science at NC State, Logan Dawson ’12 earned a Ph.D. in atmospheric science. He works for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, where he focuses on verifying and validating weather forecast models developed at the National Weather Service’s Environmental Modeling Center. Dawson’s work is a critical component in the process of improving the numerical models used throughout the weather forecasting community.

Joy Johnson ’07 studied electrical and computer engineering at NC State before earning a doctorate at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She was a National Science Foundation Fellow and Intel GEM Ph.D. Fellow and her research focused on theoretical semiconductor process modeling. Johnson is currently a senior hardware R&D engineer at Apple where she has worked in hardware engineering experience prototyping and now develops emerging display technology.

Emily Neville ’20 founded Reborn Clothing Co. as a sophomore at NC State while simultaneously spearheading an effort to create the first Boys & Girls Club in Harnett County, North Carolina. With the belief that businesses can have a positive impact on the world, Neville created Reborn to upcycle textile waste into innovative products. Neville graduated a semester early to focus on growing her company.

Remy Roque ’06 recently completed a pediatric anesthesiology fellowship, becoming double-board-certified in anesthesiology and pediatric anesthesiology. He is part of the anesthesia faculty at the University of Washington, where he provides anesthetic and perioperative care at Seattle Children’s Hospital and is involved in resident and fellow education. Roque has an interest in optimizing the perioperative experience for transgender youth and recently published his first article on the topic.
The Park Scholarships program is named for NC State alumnus Roy H. Park ’31. The Park Foundation is dedicated to education, media, and the environment, and has supported the Park Scholarships program since its inception in 1996. Approximately 40 scholarships are awarded each year to outstanding entering freshmen for undergraduate study in any discipline at NC State.

HOW TO APPLY

Candidates must apply for admission to NC State and must also complete the Park Scholarships application by November 1 of their senior year. To access the Park Scholarships application, candidates must either be endorsed by their high schools by October 15 or must self-endorse. To be eligible for a Park Scholarship, a candidate must be a United States citizen, permanent resident, or graduating from a high school within the United States (regardless of citizenship status). Students must also be applying for fall, first-year admission into a baccalaureate program at NC State. For additional information, visit park.ncsu.edu.
NC State was founded with a purpose: to create economic, societal, and intellectual prosperity for the people of North Carolina and the country. We began as a land-grant institution grounded in agriculture and engineering. Today, we’re a preeminent research enterprise that excels across disciplines. Our students, faculty, and staff forge powerful partnerships with government, industry, nonprofits, and academia to remake our world for the better. Our more than 36,000 undergraduate and graduate students learn by doing through research, internships, co-ops, and world-changing service. Our 9,000 faculty and staff are world leaders in their fields, bridging the divides between academic disciplines and training high-caliber students to meet tomorrow’s challenges.