



CREAM OF THE CROP

At Clemson University, we understand and appreciate the value of recruiting top students to our campus. Each academic year, Clemson's National Scholars Program (NSP) attracts some of the most impressive students in the country. NSP provides study abroad opportunities, specialized academic advising and an exceptional financial package to attract some of our nation's most highly recruited students.

National Scholars at Clemson take advantage of myriad unique academic enrichment opportunities — small seminar classes with top faculty, esteemed guest speakers and state-of-the-art facilities, including the new Honors Center at Core Campus. Through intensive mentoring and advising and frequent opportunities for intra- and inter-cohort interaction, the NSP fosters a strong sense of community, allowing us to provide a highly personalized experience in the context of a major university setting. NSP staff are dedicated to the recruitment of national-caliber students and to the academic and professional success of our scholars. Our students regularly transition to the most prestigious graduate and professional schools and some of the top organizations in the country and around the world, as reflected in the success stories of our scholars during the past 17 years.



HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NSP STUDENTS INCLUDE:

- Three Clemson student body presidents
- One student senate president
- Seven Norris Medalists (highest academic honor given to a graduating senior at Clemson)
- Six National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellows
- Two Fulbright Scholars and two Fulbright finalists
- Three Goldwater Scholars
- NSP alumni are currently pursuing graduate degrees at institutions including Cornell University, Harvard Medical School, Oxford University and the University of Wisconsin.
- NSP alumni have secured professional opportunities at organizations such as Boeing, ExxonMobil Chemical, Deloitte Consulting LLP, Epic and the Peace Corps.

REACHING THE TOP

Ensuring the success of our students does not come without costs. The NSP needs additional support in order to offer these exceptional students the challenging learning experiences they require to reach the top.

There are two ways you can support the National Scholars Program at Clemson— through the NSP Scholarship Fund, providing full scholarships for our students, and through the NSP Excellence Fund, providing exceptional program support.





THE NSP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The primary goal of the NSP Scholarship Fund is to competitively recruit and attract the top high school students in the United States. We are able to do this each year by offering full scholarships, including tuition, fees, room and board, and a stipend for books and supplies. Without an appealing and competitive financial package offer, these highly recruited scholars would likely choose another school.

“This scholarship is the rock upon which my college years are built, and I have thrived fully and only because of NSP. After I graduate in May, the National Scholars Program will have functioned as the springboard that will send me off into the world as a new and better person.” — Caroline Hensley

THE NSP EXCELLENCE FUND

In order to establish the National Scholars Program at Clemson University as one of the best in the country, the NSP Excellence Fund was created in 2009 to support the program’s areas of greatest need. The Excellence Fund allows program leadership to have flexibility in allocation, supporting distinguished guest lecturers and student travel, and providing unique learning enrichment opportunities both inside and outside the classroom.

To date, the Excellence Fund has raised more than \$375,000 in support of this exceptional programming for Clemson’s most ambitious students. But we need to sustain this funding in order to stay competitive with other elite scholars programs in our region.

“I chose Clemson University entirely because of the National Scholars Program. I turned down acceptances at Princeton, Vanderbilt and Carnegie Mellon, along with major scholarship offers from Maryland, Davidson and Rice, in order to join the Clemson and NSP Family. The NSP financial package coupled with the personalized advising, educational enrichment, and travel opportunities are truly unmatched by any other institution.” — Aaron Gordon

ENSURING NSP FOR THE FUTURE

NSP students are among the best of the best, and their potential contributions will impact our planet, our society and our world. Clemson needs your support for the National Scholars Program that brings such amazing talent to our University. Please consider a gift to the NSP Excellence Fund or the NSP Scholarship Fund so that we might continue to attract the nation's most talented students to Clemson.

“ When I started this adventure, I compared Clemson to various elite schools and questioned whether it could match them. As I left Clemson, I searched for one of those elite schools to match the **INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE** and care that **NSP at Clemson offered me.** ”

— Austin Herbst



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