

Wharton Research Scholars Program



What is the Wharton Research Scholars Program?

The Wharton Undergraduate Research Scholars Program is a unique curricular opportunity that will give a select group of upperclassmen the chance to conduct research under the supervision of some of Wharton's preeminent faculty members. More importantly, it will form a community of scholars where students can share ideas and experience the life of an academic.

Students will apply to a specific research project proposed by one of the participating faculty members, or submit their own proposal with a faculty sponsor. Approximately twenty-five of Wharton's finest upperclassmen will be selected to be Research Scholars.

This year-long program will entail an in-depth research project accompanied by activities designed to foster a strong scholarly community. These students will have unique opportunities to learn empirical methods from Wharton's leading researchers, and attend conferences to discuss the latest developments in their field with professors from other universities. The program will culminate in a symposium where these students present their findings and the publication of a journal where their research is documented.

How do students apply?

While rising juniors and seniors are eligible to apply, preference will be given to seniors. To participate during their junior year, students should express a compelling reason (such as plans to graduate early or interest in Ph.D. programs) as well as exceptional research abilities.

Applications are available at <http://undergrad.wharton.upenn.edu/research/scholars/>. Applications, your resumé, transcript and a completed faculty recommendation form must be submitted by 5:00 pm on Monday, April 20, 2009 to Suite G95, JMHH.

What are the requirements?

Students must have a 3.4 GPA to be admitted into the program. They must also perform a significant research project during the year as part of the program. Students may also submit independent project proposals to the committee for admission into the scholars program. We strongly recommend students interested in pursuing independent projects to speak with Dr. Asher before submitting their proposals.

Whom do I contact for more information?

Contact Dr. Asher for more information about the program or the type of research projects available for study. Our website (<http://undergrad.wharton.upenn.edu/research/scholars/>) also provides more information about the program, past projects and participants.