



# SEAS DORIS DUKE CONSERVATION SCHOLARS PROGRAM UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

The Doris Duke Conservation Scholars Program at the University of Michigan (DDCSP at U of M) hosted by the School for Environment and Sustainability (SEAS) is a two-year conservation-themed national summer program for undergraduate students from diverse backgrounds.

Develop research skills through a research mentorship program in partnership with faculty and graduate students at the University of Michigan (first year scholars).



Experience nature through fun outdoor education including visits to local farms, forests, lakes, national parks, and research sites.

Intern with local conservation/ environmental organizations from across sectors in Michigan and develop a professional network (second year scholars).



Doris Duke Conservation Scholars are eager to be immersed in an **experiential learning program** that incorporates **diversity and inclusion** into their understanding of **conservation practices**.

## Why DDCSP at University of Michigan?

- Create mentoring relationships with University of Michigan faculty and researchers.
- Network with the environmental community of Ann Arbor, Detroit, and the rest of Southeast Michigan.
- Explore connections between conservation, social justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Connect with other students passionate about conservation and the environment.
- \$4,250-\$5,200 stipend, plus room and board, and round-trip travel to and from Ann Arbor.
- Travel to field sites around Michigan.
- Eight-week conservation-focused research and internship opportunity (for two consecutive years).
- Community service activities in Ann Arbor, Detroit, and/or Flint.

### Important Dates:

Applications open: **November 12, 2018**  
Priority date: **January 11, 2019\***

(\*Completed applications received by this date will be reviewed early)

Application deadline: **February 1, 2019**  
Notification of selection: **by mid-March, 2019**  
Program dates: **June 1 – July 27, 2019**

For more information and to apply, please visit:  
<https://conservationscholars.seas.umich.edu/>

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To be eligible, you must be: 

## Program Overview 2019

First year scholars -- Research mentorship at University of Michigan begins. Topics include: agroecosystems, landscape design and management, forest conservation, climate change in the Great Lakes region, and microbial ecosystem functions.



First year scholars head to the University of Michigan Biological Station (UMBS) for a three-day orientation to learn about the site's research facilities and conservation work. Scholars will also visit other sites such as the Tahquamenon Falls and Whitefish Point.



First and second year scholars visit Warren Dunes State Park located along the eastern shore of Lake Michigan to further team-building efforts.



First and second year scholars present their work during a capstone symposium. First years do a poster presentation and second years do a flash talk.



### June

- A current freshman, sophomore, or junior enrolled in a college or university.
- A U.S. citizen, permanent resident or Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA/DREAMers).
- Interested in conservation or the environment.
- A student in good standing with a grade point average of at least 2.75 out of 4.0.

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Second year scholars -- Internship begins. Partners include: non-profit and governmental environmental organizations in Southeast Michigan such as National Wildlife Federation, Ecoworks, City of Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation, and the Ecology Center.



Second year scholars go on local field trips in Southeastern and Northern Michigan. Scholars may also do service projects in the local area including Detroit and/or Flint.

### July



### August

First year scholars return home. Second year scholars go on a five-day capstone retreat to Yellowstone National Park.