OVERVIEW

Established in 1945, the Morehead-Cain is the oldest, most prestigious merit scholarship program in the United States. The Morehead-Cain provides full funding for a four-year undergraduate experience at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, as well as a comprehensive Summer Enrichment Program.

Modeled after the Rhodes Scholarship at the University of Oxford, the Morehead-Cain is strategically designed to accelerate and enhance the scholar’s life experience, self-knowledge, and global awareness. The rigorous selection process and attractive benefits of the Morehead-Cain yield scholars of the highest caliber—those who demonstrate the rare combination of potential, principle, and purpose, and who comprise a select community of driven and distinguished campus leaders. Implicit in becoming a Morehead-Cain Scholar is accepting a lifelong challenge to lead in whatever arena each scholar chooses to pursue.

We have more than two hundred scholars in our program and nearly 3,000 alumni worldwide. In 2013, our scholars interned in more than forty countries and across a variety of industries. In the last five years, the Morehead-Cain has produced six Rhodes Scholars.

For more information on the program, please visit our website at www.moreheadcain.org.

SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

The heart of the Morehead-Cain experience is the Summer Enrichment Program (SEP)—four diverse summers designed to help scholars explore the world and their place in it. The summers begin before the first year of university and fall under four headings—Outdoor Leadership, Public Service, Inquiry and Exploration, and Private Enterprise. They provide a strategic framework from which scholars gain confidence, independence, global awareness, and hands-on experience. Each SEP opportunity is different and challenging in order to both broaden and deepen the scholar’s perspective.

The Summer Enrichment Program offers experiences that many students would be unable to arrange or afford on their own. The Morehead-Cain provides each scholar a stipend to cover his or her summer expenses, including living and travel expenses.

We aim to establish relationships with thoughtful, innovative, influential organizations that will serve as regular summer placements for Morehead-Cain interns. We believe that connecting these bright, young, motivated scholars with compatible organizations is a worthwhile endeavor and mutually beneficial—exposing scholars to experts in the field while providing organizations opportunities to work with and mentor top-tier undergraduates.
MOREHEAD-CAIN SCHOLARS IN AFRICA

Through the Public Service and Inquiry & Exploration summers, we frequently have scholars working with non-governmental organizations in Africa. In the Public Service summer, scholars are challenged to go beyond past service experience and immerse themselves in a community while focusing on the world around them. Scholars often work both in direct service to the population in need and in providing some administrative support for organizations. Service work can include teaching and mentoring, environmental conservation, basic health services, or operational tasks.

Examples of our scholars’ past summer projects:
- Assessed the usage and effectiveness of a large-scale water purification program in rural Malawi
- Arranged sponsors and organized logistics for a summer basketball festival that uses the sport as a means to teach life skills and promote HIV/AIDS awareness in Zimbabwe
- Implemented a grass-roots soap production project to improve sanitation and reduce HIV-transmission with The AIDS Support Organization in Jinja, Uganda.
- Created a documentary about storytelling to preserve the Dankawalie village’s oral history and language in Sierra Leone
- Facilitated leadership trainings for youth in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia through the Center for Creative Leadership
- Taught information and computer technology courses to students and staff at a school in Namibia

We have worked with many organizations in Africa in the past, including The Amy Biehl Foundation, World Vision, Foundation for Sustainable Development, and Cherokee Gives Back. With each of these placements, we seek challenging work opportunities, engaged supervision, safe housing arrangements, and fulfilling work environments. It is important to note that we use the U.S. Department of State list of current travel warnings as a guide when advising students and do not place students in countries on this list.

If you are interested in learning more about the Morehead-Cain and hosting a summer intern, please contact Julie DeVoe at julie_devoe@unc.edu or (919) 962-1201 or toll-free (800) 741-9023.