





## **merit scholarship award**

Each Presidential Scholar receives a merit scholarship that covers all tuition and a separate award for summer program costs. Students needing additional resources to cover other charges (room, board, fees, etc.) are encouraged to apply for need-based financial aid.

[bc.edu/financialaid](https://bc.edu/financialaid)

## **faculty mentors**

The summer before their first year, Scholars are matched with faculty mentors in their areas of academic interest. Over the next four years, they meet monthly, providing Scholars with a close connection to their academic department and exploring opportunities in and beyond Boston College. Mentors advise Scholars on a wide range of academic and professional matters, from

Based on individual interest, each Scholar is placed for four days a week in two different Boston-area social service organizations, such as the Project Bread Hunger Hotline, Haley House, St. Francis House, the Italian Home for Children, and the Suffolk County House of Corrections.

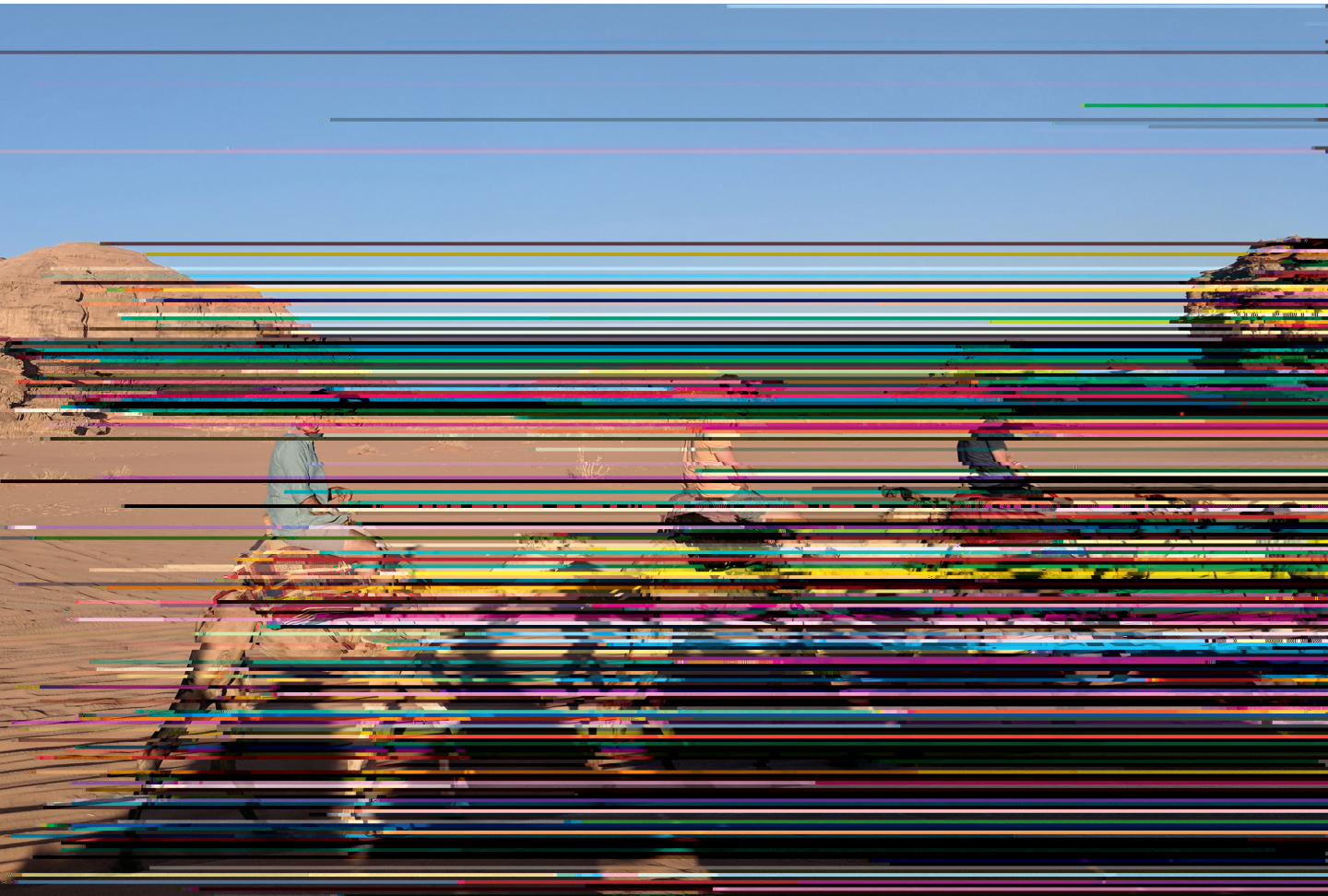
### **sophomore social justice project**

As a group, Sophomore Scholars develop a project

ries of Boston's opioid crisis, the stigma of addiction, and the road to recovery; and an art exhibit and panel discussion that focused on human trafficking.

### **international perspectives and languages**

The Presidential Scholars' journey to global citizenship begins during the spring semesters of their freshman and sophomore years. First-year students spend a week in Europe, immersed in a different language and culture. Sophomores travel and learn firsthand the social and economic challenges in a Latin American country. In the summer following the Scholars' sophomore





year, each student has an independent eight-week international experience. Presidential Scholars research and arrange their own experiences so that they focus on the language, culture, and country that best meets their goals. Finally, in their junior year, Scholars travel to the Middle East to learn about Islam and environmental sustainability.

### study abroad

Some Scholars augment their summer international experiences and extend their time overseas by taking part in one of Boston College's study abroad programs during the first semester of their junior year. Scholars over the years have spent the semester in locations throughout the world including Argentina, Ecuador, Australia, China, Nepal, the Netherlands, Russia, Great Britain, South Africa, Germany, France, and Ireland.

### professional internship

During the summer between junior and senior years, Presidential Scholars spend eight to 10 weeks working in demanding professional settings across the United States and around the world. Students research and arrange their own placements, drawing on relationships with Boston College alumni, faculty mentors, and the Boston College Career Center. These internships provide initial exposure to a potential career path, and the opportunity for Scholars to reflect on their development as emerging professionals and leaders. For a list of past internship placements, please visit our website at [bc.edu/gpsp](http://bc.edu/gpsp)

## a sample presidential scholar experience

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### freshman year

- Kick-off retreat at the Connors Center, Boston College's conference center in Dover, Massachusetts\*
- Tuesday evening meetings
- Spring break trip to Europe
- Summer: Six-week service-learning experience in Boston

### sophomore year

- Kick-off retreat at the Connors Center
- Tuesday evening meetings
- Winter break trip to Latin America
- Summer: Language/cultural immersion experience (8–10 weeks)

### junior year

- Study abroad (for some)
- Kick-off retreat at the Connors Center
- Tuesday evening meetings
- Summer: Professional internship (8–10 weeks) and travel to the Middle East for 10 days

### senior year

- Kick-off retreat at the Connors Center
- Tuesday evening meetings
- Completion of Honors Thesis
- Participation in leadership events and mentoring of freshman, sophomore, and junior Scholars
- April New York City trip: Presidential Scholars attend an alumni reception and the Wall Street Council Tribute Dinner (the fundraising event for the Gabelli Presidential Scholars Program)
- Commencement reception for graduating Scholars and their families

\*Each year begins with the weekend retreat at Dover. All undergraduate Scholars attend, and sophomores, juniors, and seniors welcome freshmen into their community. Presidential Scholar alumni return to share their experiences and run breakout groups.



