



ACT Scholars Program at The University of Iowa

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Fifty years ago, two nationally recognized educational leaders, both senior administrators at The University of Iowa, came together with individuals around the country who shared their vision for a new college admissions testing program that would provide information useful to students, parents, teachers, and school administrators. Grounded firmly in principles focused on getting students ready for access to, and success in, postsecondary education, E.F. Lindquist and Ted McCarrel launched the ACT Assessment Program in the fall of 1959. From those early beginnings, ACT has emerged as an international leader in assessment-based systems used to ensure that individuals are ready for postsecondary education and prepared for success in the workplace. The University of Iowa continues to enjoy its long-held reputation for high-quality education programs, including many pertinent to ACT's growing and diverse workforce.

It is most fitting that some 50 years after ACT's founding, and after a half century of mutually beneficial connections between ACT and the University, we should acknowledge the ties that bind us, through creation of the ACT Scholars Program at The University of Iowa. ACT is pleased, therefore, to announce a gift of \$5 million to The University of Iowa to endow this new program. Together, ACT and the University will use annual income from the endowment to select and support students who will enroll at the University in various graduate-level programs.

The ACT Scholars Program will be co-directed by the University and ACT. It will provide a unique opportunity for qualified students to pursue graduate degrees at the University, while simultaneously obtaining valuable experience at ACT, a multinational, nonprofit organization headquartered in Iowa City. As part of a community of learners at the University and ACT, the ACT Scholars will participate as a group in numerous activities designed to broaden and enrich their education and experience.



About the ACT Scholars Program

The University and ACT are both committed to promoting diversity. Accordingly, students of racial/ethnic backgrounds that are currently underrepresented in The University of Iowa and Iowa City communities (including Blacks, Hispanics, and Native Americans) will be sought to become ACT Scholars.



ACT Scholars will receive full tuition plus a stipend. Students selected for the program will be assigned to a business unit at ACT and be full-time University of Iowa students during the 9-month academic year. Summer internship opportunities may also be available. Upon graduation, ACT Scholars will be encouraged to apply for positions at ACT. However, there is neither an obligation to work at ACT nor a guarantee of employment after graduation.

The program will provide participants with a unique opportunity to apply the knowledge gained in their degree programs to current “real world” education and workforce issues of the type that ACT is engaged in on a national and international level. The ACT Scholars will, as a group, also have regular opportunities for shared learning experiences and social interactions with faculty, staff, and other students at the University and at ACT.

Scholars can be named in several fields at the University, including Education, Business, Human Resources, Information Technology, Mathematics, and Statistics. To the extent possible, assignments at ACT will be developed to match the capabilities and interests of each student and his or her program of study.



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