



SUMMER UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARS AND ARTISTS FUND



SCHOLARS *and* ARTISTS *are nurtured here ...*

The opportunity to work with and be mentored by a faculty member over the summer months is one of Illinois Wesleyan's most distinguishing characteristics. For many years summer research in the sciences has been the primary focus of such activities. Today the goal of the Summer Undergraduate Scholars and Artists Fund is to extend opportunities to more of our talented students across the curriculum, from the humanities and business to nursing and the fine arts.

A summer experience through the Summer Undergraduate Scholars and Artists Fund pairs students with faculty mentors for research, scholarly or creative activities. For example, the aspiring sculptor might work on a major piece of artwork, the business major could conduct a marketing research study, the English major might write a collection of short stories, while the political science major might conduct a governmental policy analysis.

Through this program we hope to encourage students to pursue their passions, creativity and innovative ideas. Ultimately the goal of the Summer Undergraduate Scholars and Artists Fund is to help better prepare students for graduate or professional school and the increasingly competitive economy.

"The key is to engage students with data in a meaningful way. We do that through research during the year, but being able to focus intensely on a project over the summer would add so much more to their experience."

DIEGO MENDEZ-CARBAJO
chair of economics

"Meaning and motivation is essential to artwork. In order to be committed to something, I have to be inspired by it."

LEEYA JACKSON '13

"Through my economics research on foreclosures in McLean County I hoped to provide a deeper understanding of the complexities of the local housing market."

JAKE MANN '12

Transforming Lives

THROUGH THE SUMMER UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARS AND ARTISTS FUND

- **Annual Summer Scholars and Artists Scholarship,**
\$5,000 per scholarship.
Funds one student's research for one summer.
- **Endowed Summer Scholars and Artists Scholarship,**
\$100,000 per scholarship.
Funds one scholarship per year in perpetuity.

Note: Endowments can be built over multiple years and may vary in amounts.



"The research that I did at Illinois Wesleyan was a crucial first step



*in my development as a scientist.
It gave me the confidence to strike out on my own
and develop my research interests from a young age.
And the relationship didn't stop there.
I'm lucky to still be associated with
the Biology Department at IWU, as the
Wesleyan field courses that I teach in Costa Rica
are still one of the highlights of my year."*

JEFFREY KLEMENS '98

*Pictured standing, far left, founder of Investigadores
el Área de Conservación Guanacaste;
co-teaches May Term in Costa Rica*

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