

THE JOHN M. BELK SCHOLARSHIP

Up to eight Belk Scholars are selected in every entering class.

For each scholar, the Belk Scholarship provides comprehensive funding (tuition, fees, room, and board), plus two special study stipends of \$3,000 each.

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BELK SCHOLARS ARE:

CHALLENGE SEEKERS: Embrace a multi-dimensional lifestyle, giving rich evidence of intellectual depth and academic achievement, as well as accomplishment in other meaningful activities. Demonstrate tireless ability to overcome obstacles and apply lessons learned.

INTELLECTUAL EXPLORERS: Exude an eagerness to learn within every facet of life. Generate and engage with original ideas seriously and articulately, striving to enrich their own understanding, as well as that of others.

SERVANT LEADERS: Maintain an extraordinary strength of character, including confidence and humility, and a tremendous regard for collaboration. Vigorous and strong in mind and spirit.

CHANGE AGENTS: Act as catalysts for community improvement, making unique connections in order to bring about positive change.



NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Davidson invites your nomination of outstanding students with extraordinary potential to compete for the John M. Belk Scholarship. A successful candidate will demonstrate academic achievement, deep intellectual curiosity, plus commitment and ability to impact both their local and global communities.

- ◆ Who may nominate for the Belk Scholarship?
- ◆ Guidance counselors, principals/ heads of school, college access program directors. Davidson Admission staff members may also nominate candidates based on the strength of the students' applications for admission.
- ◆ December 1: Nomination date and deadline for the nomination form and required transcript and recommendation. www.davidson.edu/belk
- ◆ December 15: Application deadline for all Belk nominees. Application information is available at www.davidson.edu/apply.

APPLICATION BY THIS DEADLINE DOES NOT INDICATE A COMMITMENT TO EARLY DECISION.

- ◆ Mid-February: Semi-finalists' phone interviews.
- ◆ March 18–20, 2021: Finalists will participate in Belk Scholars Weekend to take part in selection interviews and activities designed to provide a richer sense of the Davidson community.
- ◆ By April 1: Up to eight John M. Belk Scholars will be named.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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THE DAVIDSON OPPORTUNITY: COLLABORATION, HONOR, AND EXCELLENCE

Davidson is a highly selective liberal arts college respected for its tradition of intellectual challenge, distinguished faculty, engaged and talented students, and distinctive record of alumni achievement. Located in the classic college town of Davidson, the campus is just 25 minutes from the city center of Charlotte, N.C.— a thriving urban dynamic of business, the arts, entertainment, and professional sports.

The freedom and trust fostered by the Honor Code allow for take-home and unproctored exams, self-scheduled final exams, and a profound sense of community and integrity that students carry into their lives beyond Davidson.

Long recognized as a leader in undergraduate research, Davidson provides students with collaborative opportunities with their professors on original projects and regular engagement in the kind of work typically reserved for graduate students at larger schools and universities. Working and learning alongside a leading teacher-scholar is a distinct opportunity, and at Davidson, it is a reality.

Davidson's international emphasis is demonstrated in a commitment to encourage students to become active world citizens. Belk Scholars most often make use of their special study opportunity stipends to travel and study abroad.

BELK SCHOLARS HAVE TRAVELED TO:

Argentina	Denmark	Indonesia	Netherlands	Spain
Austria	Dominican Republic	Ireland	New Zealand	Switzerland
Australia	Ecuador	Israel	Nicaragua	Syria
Bangladesh	England	Italy	Norway	Taiwan
Bolivia	France	Japan	Pakistan	Tajikistan
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Germany	Jordan	Palestine	Tanzania
Brazil	Ghana	Kenya	Panama	Thailand
Cambodia	Laos	Lebanon	Peru	Turkey
Chile	Madagascar	Portugal	United Arab Emirates	
China	Russia	Russia		
Colombia	Scotland	SEA Tahiti-to-	Vietnam	
Costa Rica	Yemen	Hawaii	Zambia	
Croatia		South Africa		
Czech Republic		South Korea		

THE BELK EXPERIENCE

The John M. Belk Scholarship provides scholars with access to a rich diversity of experience. Scholars have great flexibility in the on- and off-campus opportunities they choose to explore. Those experiences, paired with Davidson's academic programs, deepen the scholars' insight, maturity, and understanding of global issues.

The Belk Scholarship provides each scholar with two \$3,000 special study stipends to support intellectual, personal, and leadership development over the course of their college careers. In recent years, Belk Scholars have used their stipends to explore their passions in this country and abroad. Including:

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- ◆ enrolled in a Training the Street Fundamentals of Financial Accounting and Analysis self-study program in New York;
 - ◆ pursued public health research in Amman, Jordan;
 - ◆ conducted ethnographic field work at North Korean migrants' educational, employment, and residential sites;
 - ◆ interned with the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network in Washington, D.C.;
 - ◆ attended the International Symposium for Directors at La Mama Umbria in Spoleto, Italy;
 - ◆ directed a health wellness program for the students of Kepler in Rwanda;
 - ◆ participated in a summer innovation lab centered on issues of shelter in Cape Town, South Africa;
 - ◆ interned at Berkeley's Early Learning Lab (BELL);
 - ◆ served as a Democracy Program Intern at the Carter Center in Atlanta;
 - ◆ served as a Teaching Fellow with the Breakthrough Collaborative;
 - ◆ worked with Sea of Solidarity, a non-profit, non-political, and non-sectarian organization in support of refugee services in Lesbos, Greece;
 - ◆ explored locations of impact of Islamic and Jewish history in Spain;
 - ◆ mapped the tribal territory of the Tobelo Dalam in the Central Halmahera region of Indonesia to protect them from industrial encroachment;
 - ◆ interned at the Brookings Institution's Brown Center for Educational Policy in Washington, D.C.;
 - ◆ presented research at the International Conference on Disability Studies, Arts, and Education at Aalto University in Finland and at the "Disability Issues: Varieties of Disability Activism and Disability Studies" conference in Malta;
 - ◆ conducted travel writing and photography project about ancient and contemporary pilgrimage practices in the Himalayas;
 - ◆ worked on youth development and curbing neighborhood violence in Indianapolis; compiled election data from the last seven years to identify neighborhood voting trends and to propose strategies for the Mayoral and City Council races;
 - ◆ worked with Global Rights India, a non-profit specializing in women's legal rights issues, in Bangalore;
 - ◆ worked as a Curatorial Intern for the Guggenheim Abu Dhabi;
 - ◆ completed the National Outdoor Leadership School sea kayaking and backpacking course;
 - ◆ participated in Davidson in Kenya, Davidson in Ghana, Davidson in Washington, Davidson in Cambridge. Davidson in Mwandia, Davidson in Cadiz;
 - ◆ hiked the Camino de Santiago;
 - ◆ worked on organic WWOOF farms in Italy and New Zealand;
 - ◆ research on a revisionist history of the Chilean transition to democracy (1987-1999), focusing, unlike most contemporary scholarship, on the oral histories of non-white, non-straight, non-Christian, and anti-state Chileans;
 - ◆ an ethnographic investigation of Shanghai's entrepreneurial community while studying Mandarin;
 - ◆ research at Heinrich-Heine-Universität in Düsseldorf, Germany to pursue research into the design/development of a molecular agent to identify HNSCC cells based on the presence of galectin proteins. Activation of this agent will kill the cancer cell;
 - ◆ thesis research on constructed languages in works of fiction/fantasy at the 2019 Linguistics Summer Institute at the University of California, Davis—program through Linguistic Society of America (LSA);
 - ◆ participated at the International Conference on Men's Issues in support of thesis research into the ways women narrate their involvement in the men's rights movement (MRM) and the consequences of involvement in a movement explicitly against women's progress;
 - ◆ study of Modern Standard Arabic and colloquial Levantine Arabic at the Levantine Institute in Tripoli.

To learn more about the Belk Experience, visit davidson.edu/belk.

JOHN MONTGOMERY BELK '43


LEADERSHIP AND VISION

John M. Belk, Davidson Class of 1943, continued a family tradition that began with the earliest Belk family graduates in 1847. At Davidson, he earned a record of leadership and accomplishment that foreshadowed his extraordinary career and commitment to service. After serving in WWII and the Korean War and time as an officer of the United Nations Civil Assistance Commission, Belk returned to the family business in 1952, leading it to become one of the nation's largest and most profitable retailers. John Belk dedicated himself to his community and, as mayor of Charlotte for four terms (1969 to 1977), positioned the city to become the nation's second largest banking center and one of the country's fastest growing cities. In 2000, John Belk made an historic gift to endow the John M. Belk flagship scholarship program at Davidson.



As President and Board Chair of the John M. Belk Endowment, MC Belk Pilon continues her late father's legacy of leadership and vision. She and her team are committed to increasing access to and completion of post-secondary education in order to give all North Carolinians the chance at long-term, family sustaining careers. MC also serves the community in myriad other ways, serving on boards that champion education access such as myFutureNC, Inc.; The Belk Foundation; College Advising Corps; Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation; and Charlotte Country Day School. In 2016, Pilon was awarded the Roanoke College Medal, the highest honor accorded a graduate; and in 2015, received the Central Piedmont Community College Distinguished Service Award.





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