



## Lindmor Scholars in Religious Studies

**Purpose:** The purpose of the Lindmor Scholars Fund is to provide financial assistance to undergraduate majors and minors in the Department for the Study of Religions who have an interest in advancing the public good through service, projects, or research with populations who are underserved or have a demonstrated need. Service, projects, or research may take place domestically and abroad, with preference given (but not exclusively) for developing countries.<sup>1</sup> Learning opportunities include internships (paid or unpaid); student/faculty research projects; community service projects; and job-shadowing or relevant "real-life" experience.<sup>2</sup> Support from the fund may be used for travel and travel-related expenses, research costs, internships, or scholarships for tuition.

**Award:** Awards are limited in number and amount. Funding of up to \$3,000.00 will be awarded to domestic projects, including summer internships, and funding of up to \$4,000.00 will be awarded to international projects. An award to supplement a paid summer internship will cover only up to the difference between \$3,000.00 and the total internship salary.

### **Eligibility:**

1. Applicants must be a current Wake Forest University undergraduate student with a major or minor in Religious Studies who has completed at least 9 hours of coursework or is completing 9 hours of coursework in the semester they apply. \*
2. Applicants must demonstrate the community served and the public good advanced by their project.
3. Applicants must articulate their research/project objectives.

All Religious Studies majors and minors are invited to consider this opportunity. First-generation university students are encouraged to apply.

*\*Students whose course completion in Religious Studies drops below 9 hours will become ineligible.*

### **Application:**

1. Application Cover Letter addressed to the Chair (Dr. Jarrod Whitaker). The letter should include a brief explanation of the student's eligibility for the award, a summary of the proposed project, including a description of the program pursued, its mentoring structure, and the student's research/project objectives. It should also demonstrate the student's academic and personal preparation for undertaking such an endeavor.
2. At least (1) letter of recommendation from a professor in the Department for the Study of Religions who has agreed to serve as the applicant's mentor.
3. Description of the Program (information on the program and/or the trip/internship/research planned, including dates and location)
4. Proposed budget (detailing the total amount requested, other funding sources, and how the funds would be used). If you need assistance constructing a budget, please consult your mentor in the Department for the Study of Religions. Priority consideration will be given to applicants who are not receiving additional university funding for their proposed project.
5. Verification of student's commitment to and enrollment in the proposed program.

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<sup>1</sup> Developing Nations as defined by the World Bank in 2017. For a list, please visit this website:

<https://www.isi-web.org/index.php/resources/developing-countries>

<sup>2</sup> Partnering programs should come from one of these lists of pre-approved agencies: (1)

<https://communityengagement.wfu.edu/community-partners/>, (2) <https://www.idealists.org/en/organizations?q=>, (3)

<https://www.ungeneva.org/en/practical-information/civil-society/ngo-list>. Any agencies/programs not on these lists should be discussed with your adviser in the Department for the Study of Religions prior to filling out the application.

6. Indicate agreement to do the following as a Lindmor Scholar in Religious Studies: (1) provide a written summary report of accomplishments and what has been learned from the project to the Chair and Faculty Mentor; (2) present an oral report at a departmental Lindmor Scholars Colloquy and attend a Lindmor Scholars reception that will immediately follow the seminar.

Please e-mail the completed application and materials as a .pdf file to:

Dr. Jarrod Whitaker (<mailto:whitakjl@wfu.edu>)

The deadline for this application is rolling until further notice.

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## Lindmor Scholars Fund Application

Please **type** your answers.

1.	Last Name:	First Name:
2.	Mailing Address: Street: _____  City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____	
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: (       )	
4.	Email Address:	
4.	Date of Birth:    Month                      Day                      Year	

5.	<b>A. The following items must be attached to this application form in order to establish the eligibility and to be reviewed by the scholarship committee.</b>  <b>B. Circle “YES” or “NO” to confirm you have attached each item as required.</b>		
	YES	NO	<b>Application Cover Letter addressed to the Chair.</b> The letter should include a brief explanation of the student’s eligibility for the award, a summary of the proposed project, including a description of the program pursued, its mentoring structure, and the student’s research/project objectives. It should also demonstrate the student’s academic and personal preparation for undertaking such an endeavor.
	YES	NO	<b>One Letter of Recommendation.</b> Letter should be written by a professor in the Department for the Study of Religions who can speak to your ability to succeed in the proposed program/project and who has agreed to serve as your mentor.
	YES	NO	<b>Description of the Program or Project:</b> Information on the program and the trip/internship/research planned (include dates, location)
	YES	NO	<b>Proposed Budget.</b> Detailed budget of total amount requested and how the funds would be spent.
	YES	NO	<b>Verification of Commitment:</b> Provide evidence of commitment to (proposed timetable of research project, etc.) and/or enrollment in proposed program.
	YES	NO	<b>Agreement to Provide Summary Report to Chair and Faculty Mentor upon completion of project, provide an oral report at a Lindmor Scholars Colloquy, and attend the Lindmor Scholars reception following the Colloquy.</b>

## STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above-stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I hereby understand that if I am chosen as a scholarship winner, the money would be used to cover the expenses described in my letter of application.

Signature of scholarship applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_