

RICHTER APPLICATION: SMU-in-Taos Campus

University Honors Program

*Due Monday March 31, 2014 before 5:00p.m.
Turn in completed Application and Proposal to Dr. David Doyle, 109 Clements Hall.*

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Only students applying for JUNE TERM in Taos are eligible for this Scholarship.

Name: _____ SMU ID: _____

Address: _____

Phone/Cell: _____ E-mail _____

Class Year: 1st YEAR 2nd YEAR JUNIOR SENIOR GPA: _____

Declared Major: _____ Adviser: _____

Title of Proposed Project: _____

Location of Proposed Project: _____

FACULTY RECOMMENDATION

List the names of at least two SMU faculty members who can be contacted about your maturity and academic abilities.

1. _____ Email: _____

2. _____ Email: _____

Under the provisions of the family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, I waive my right of access to my recommendation and evaluations and understand that they will be used for the purpose for which they were prepared.

YES NO

Signature _____ Date _____

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ESSAY

Briefly explain how your study in Taos will contribute to your Honors Education at SMU (max. 1 page, double-spaced).

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The following has been established for the June Term in Taos:

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Richter International Fellowship program is funded by the Paul K. and Evelyn E. Cook Richter Memorial Funds and is awarded to members of the University Honors program to conduct independent research.

The University Honors Program will provide at least 5 Richter Research Scholarships for Honors students who have completed one full year at SMU. These scholarships will pay \$3,000 per student. The scholarship can be used for tuition, room, board, or any other course costs.

The Taos office will award the Friends of Taos Scholarship for the Richter scholarship recipients covering tuition for one 3-hour course. The Taos office will appoint a Faculty member who will serve as instructor of record for the students enrolled in the Richter Honors Research independent study course.

Students must be registered for six (6) hours in the June Term at SMU-in-Taos. Students will be responsible for covering the tuition costs of their second course of study beyond the Honors Research course. Richter students will NOT be eligible to apply for Clements Scholarship funding.

REQUIREMENTS

Students will design a research proposal within the field of Southwest studies, broadly defined, along with their application for Taos funding. The project may be in whatever viable field a student chooses.

Students must take 6 hours in the June Term at SMU-in-Taos to be eligible. Students must register and complete an "Honors Research Independent Study" course. This course will count toward a student's honors cultural formation requirement and will carry an independent study course number. Students must enlist a faculty mentor in the appropriate field of study who will supervise the project, advise and review the initial project proposal, and read the final project due at the end of the summer.

Student applications must be approved by the Taos Richter Selection Committee comprised of professors and past Richter Fellows. Proposals are evaluated based on the originality and merit of the topic, strength of the research methodology and the maturity and competency of each student. The completed Application and Proposal will be turned in to Dr. David Doyle, in Clements 109 by **March 31, 2014 before 5:00p.m.**

DURING THE TAOS SEMESTER IN JUNE

Students will meet once per week together as a class. Students will meet at least once per week with the on-campus faculty instructor to supervise ongoing research and writing. In the final week of the June term, students will present the initial findings of their research to the class and these discussions should be ongoing. At the conclusion of the Taos June term, all students registered in the Richter Research course will deliver a brief presentation on their work to the Honors class. Each student will turn in a rough draft of his/her final research project.

TO COMPLETE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RICHTER FUNDS

By the first day of classes for the Fall Term, **Monday, August 25 2014**, students will be required to turn in their final research project (if written, at least 20 pages typed, double-spaced). One copy goes to their original faculty sponsor and one copy to the University Honors Program Director. Both faculty members must approve this final project for the student's responsibility to be fulfilled. Students awarded the fellowship will be asked to publicly present their research to the SMU campus in a venue to be determined.

Any student who fails to complete his or her Richter obligations will automatically be suspended from the University Honors Program and will be unable to graduate with "Honors in the Liberal Arts" at SMU until said requirements are satisfactorily completed.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Contact Dr. David D. Doyle Jr., Director, University Honors Program at 214-768-2813 or [ddoyle@smu.edu](mailto:didoyle@smu.edu)