



The Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute (DCII) is pleased to announce that the **Hamilton Undergraduate Research Scholars Program** will continue for the 2026–27 academic year.

We are now accepting applications for **summer Hamilton Scholars**, with a **deadline of Friday, April 3**. A separate call will be circulated for semester or academic year 2026–27 applications.

The Hamilton Scholars Program was established to provide hands-on research experience to Dedman College undergraduate students, enabling them to collaborate with top faculty researchers and contribute to the creation of cutting-edge knowledge. The Program seeks to support projects on topics of interdisciplinary interest and impact that help Dedman College faculty members to advance their own research while simultaneously providing a meaningful learning experience for the undergraduates. Please note that student-led projects for which the faculty member's only role is as a mentor are not eligible for Hamilton awards.

Hamilton Scholars will have access to up to \$4,000 for the summer, funded by the Hamilton Program and the Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute. In addition to hourly compensation, up to \$200 from the total available funds may be budgeted for research expenses. Please note that students must be physically present in the United States for the majority of their summer work hours.

Applications may also request additional funding for student travel to conduct research or present work at a professional conference, though available support is limited and travel awards will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Hamilton Scholars are expected to participate periodically throughout the summer in an online discussion forum, and to submit a brief reflection on their research for the DCII's social media channels at the end of the summer. The DCII will also host a reception for Scholars and their mentors during Spring 2027.

For more information on the Hamilton Scholars Program, see the DCII website: <https://www.smu.edu/Dedman/Research/Institutes-and-Centers/DCII/Fellowships/Hamilton>

### **Application Submission Guidelines**

Proposals (maximum length two pages, single spaced with 11- or 12-point font) should **explicitly** address each of the following items:

1. Describe the overall research project and its value
2. Describe the interdisciplinary dimensions of the project

3. Describe the specific contribution(s) the student will make toward this project during the program period, including a basic timeline
4. Describe the student's relevant background and qualifications for the proposed research
5. Describe how the proposed student research will provide a meaningful benefit to the faculty member's research program
6. Describe how the proposed student research will provide a meaningful research or learning experience for the student
7. If requesting student travel funding, provide a justification for the proposed travel and an itemized budget of anticipated travel expenses
8. If submitting proposals for more than one student, provide a ranking of the proposals

Faculty (not students) should submit applications via the following link:

<https://www.smu.edu/Dedman/Research/Institutes-and-Centers/DCII/Fellowships/Hamilton/Application>

Questions about the program or application process should be directed to Dr. Karisa Cloward, Ruth Collins Altshuler Director of the Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute, at [kcloward@smu.edu](mailto:kcloward@smu.edu).