

ARTISTS, SCHOLARS, SCIENTISTS, AND ENTREPRENEURS OF TOMORROW (ASSET)

The Artists, Scholars, Scientists, and Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow (ASSET) program recruits a student cohort of roughly 8-10 members with a wide range of academic and career aspirations. Students pursue intensive individual projects and together they identify and discuss connections across disciplinary boundaries, emphasizing a deepening understanding of how to create constructive dialogue across those boundaries.

While many students in the program will be those who intend to pursue graduate education, the goal is to ideally have a few of the participants intend to pursue a professional degree or immediately embark upon a career after graduation. ASSET embraces the opportunity to provide students with an immersive experience during which they devote themselves to a single independent project and come together as a group to examine their own and each other's views on current issues relevant to all disciplines.

The ASSET Program offers three distinct opportunities:

1. The ASSET Winter Seminar—the seminar consists of two major meetings during the Winter Term and includes conversations about career planning, including but not limited to graduate and professional school selection and application processes. Students will also be expected to finalize project details by the end of Winter term.

2. Summer Funding—students receive \$3000 to support themselves and an independent research project for 8 weeks during summer. The money can be used to defray the costs associated with the summer project, including research materials and summer salary. In addition, students can apply for a housing stipend up to \$300/month for two months.

3. Summer Dialogues—weekly meetings occur throughout the first eight weeks of summer to bring ASSET students together in multidisciplinary dialogues, providing social and educational programming.

Selection Criteria includes:

- a) Potential and feasibility of the proposed project
- b) Willingness/availability to participate in the Winter Seminar and Summer Dialogues
- c) Prior achievement as it relates to the proposed project (e.g. coursework, employment, volunteer activities, leadership experience, internships, etc.)
- d) Future educational and career aspirations