

JAMES SCHOLAR HONORS POINTS

ACTIVITY	POINT VALUE	TOTAL POINTS ALLOWED FROM OPTION	ACTION IN JAMES SCHOLAR DATABASE	
			BEGINNING OF THE SEMESTER	END OF THE SEMESTER
RESEARCH/ACADEMICS				
Complete an honors project in a course (includes all designated campus honors courses and required Campus Honors Program courses)	2	8	Submit Honors Credit Learning Agreement during first 4 weeks of semester for any course not designated an honors course or Campus Honors Program course	No additional info/action needed Points will be awarded after grades are posted
Apply for a nationally competitive scholarship or fellowship through the National and International Scholarships Program (topscholars.illinois.edu)	2	2	Submit plan including these details for Honors Dean preapproval: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> –Name of scholarship or fellowship –Organization contact name –Application guidelines/criteria –Application dates/deadlines 	Submit letter or certificate verifying application
Present at a preapproved conference	2	4	Submit plan including these details for Honors Dean preapproval: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> –Name and date of conference –Title of presentation 	Submit link to conference site or program page with your presentation listed
Serve as an undergraduate teaching assistant, mentor, or tutor (FAA or unit level)	2	4	Submit these details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> –Name of course –Instructor contact info 	Submit 300-500 word reflection on your activities
Complete a second major (this option can be selected only during your final term before graduation)	2	2	Submit name of major	No additional info/action needed

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Participate in the undergraduate research symposium	2	6	Submit these details: –Title of project –Description of project	Submit PDF of the poster or project
Complete a 500-level course with a grade of B or higher (generally recommended only for seniors)	2	2	Submit name of course	No additional info/action needed Points will be awarded after grades are posted
Publish in a refereed professional journal	2	4	Submit name and date of journal	Submit publication details: –Title of article –Brief description of article –PDF or link to article
Complete a faculty-directed independent study or research project	2	4	Submit these details: –Name of faculty advisor –Title of project –Brief description of project	Submit 300-500 word reflection on your activities

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LEADERSHIP				
Participate in a leadership activity (leadership position in an RSO or a nonprofit organization)	2	2	Submit these details: –Name of organization –Name of leadership position –Brief description of duties/responsibilities	Submit 300-500 word reflection on your activities
Serve as a student representative on a campus-level or unit-level committee or board	2	2	Submit these details: –Title of committee or board –Name of position –Brief description of duties/responsibilities	Submit 300-500 word reflection on your activities
Participate in an Illinois Leadership Center Leadership Lab (leadership.illinois.edu/programs/leadership-labs)	2	4	Submit response: Are you going to participate? Yes/No	Submit program details: –Name of program –Date of attendance –Brief description of activities Approval: Leadership Center
Serve as an FAA 101 discussion leader (sophomore standing only) Contact FAA Academic Affairs for information on selection process	2	4	Submit response: Are you going to be a discussion leader? Yes/No	Submit 300-500 word reflection on your activities Approval: Associate Dean

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT				
Complete a preapproved internship	2	2	Submit plan with these details for Honors Dean preapproval: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> –Organization contact info –Brief description of project and work schedule 	Submit 300-500 word reflection on your activities
Enter a national art, design, or music competition	2	4	Submit plan with these details for Honors Dean preapproval: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> –Name of competition –Organization contact name –Organization contact info –Application guidelines/criteria –Application dates/deadlines 	Submit letter or certificate verifying application
ENRICHMENT				
Serve as an FAA or unit-level ambassador or campus I-STAR	2	2	Submit these details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> –Name of program –Name of contact person 	Submit 300-500 word reflection on your activities
Complete a semester-long study abroad program	2	4	Submit these details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> –Sponsoring department/unit contact info –Place of study 	Submit 300-500 word reflection on your activities
Complete a short-term study abroad program of 2-4 weeks	2	2	Submit these details: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> –Sponsoring department/unit contact info –Place of study 	Submit 300-500 word reflection on your activities

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT				
Complete 20 hours of preapproved community service with a single organization	2	6	Submit plan with these details for Honors Dean preapproval: –Organization contact info –Brief description of project and work schedule	Submit 300-500 word reflection on your activities
Complete an approved FAA public engagement course	2	6	Submit name of course (Find the approved courses on the FAA Honors web page)	No additional info/action needed Points will be awarded after grades are posted
Participate in a preapproved alternative spring break program	2	2	Submit plan with these details for Honors Dean preapproval: –Sponsoring department/organization contact info –Location and brief description of program	Submit 300-500 word reflection on your activities

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