

The James Doyle Scholarship Fund for the Study of Social Justice

Professor James Doyle served on the UM-St. Louis faculty for thirty-one years (1966-1997) as member and sometimes chair of the Department of Philosophy. He was also instrumental in planning the university's honors program, and in 1996-1997 served as interim dean of the Pierre Laclède Honors College. Jim Doyle was a philosopher by choice, one who believed that his choice had nothing to do with retreating to any ivory tower. He made his choice while at medical school, having concluded that for him the quest for "relevance" required his critical attention to broader questions than those normally associated with a medical career. On campus and off, as philosopher, citizen, husband and father, Professor Doyle embodied the point that serious academic study can bring broad engagement with the society at large. In his memory, his wife and daughters have created this generous gift to support honors college students in advanced undergraduate study of social justice issues.

A Broad Definition of Social Justice

In setting up this program for study of social justice issues the Honors College means to honor Jim Doyle's broad vision of social justice, a vision which took in (for instance) aesthetic considerations as well as political and economic issues. The college aims also to honor Doyle's credo that doing justice requires intellectual understanding and critical thinking. In selecting Doyle Scholars, the honors college will favor proposals which aim at greater knowledge of and better insight into social justice issues.

The James Doyle Scholarship is open to all majors and disciplines; it is normally held for one academic session (fall or spring semesters or summer session) during which the holder undertakes a project relevant to social justice in full or partial completion of the Honors College's six credit hour independent study requirement. Applicants will specify whether their independent study will take the form of guided reading, undergraduate research, or an internship.

James Doyle Scholarships will be granted in amounts from \$250 to \$1,250, and should be used to support the development of an independent study project (e.g. for books, travel, presentation materials, tuition costs, etc).

Eligibility

1. Doyle Scholars must be members in good standing at the Pierre Laclède Honors College and have an UMSL GPA of 3.20 or higher. At the time of the application, applicants should also have completed 75 credit hours (at least 12 of which should be UMSL credit hours).
2. Doyle Scholars may be pursuing any UMSL major.
3. Applicants for the Doyle Scholarship must obtain the support of an UMSL faculty member to endorse the academic worthiness of the project and approve (as "reasonable") the applicant's estimate of costs.

Steps to Apply

1. Applicants must fill out an application form (attached) specifying the course number, credit-hour total for the project work, and an estimate of expenses. An UMSL faculty member must sign the form to endorse the worthiness of the project and the estimate of expenses. The application form also asks for a brief (75-word) description of the project.
2. Applicants must submit an application essay (up to 4 pages, double-spaced) to the scholarship committee which:
 - a. Elaborates on the 75-word project description to explain how the project relates to the applicant's undergraduate studies (e. g. to the applicant's major, honors college program, or even to one course).
 - b. Discusses the significance of the social justice issue(s) to be explored.
 - c. Indicates sources and resources consulted to develop the applicant's understanding of the issue(s) to be studied.
3. The Doyle award will normally be given for work undertaken and completed within the span of a single academic session. The deadlines for applications will be December 10 (for study to be undertaken during the Spring semester) and May 1 (for study to be undertaken during the Summer session or the Fall semester).

The Review and Award Process

1. Applications will be reviewed by the Honors College's scholarship committee; the committee will recommend to the dean the recipient(s) for the scholarship and the amount of the award(s).
2. The scholarship committee will apply a standard of excellence—and not of competition—to all applications and may recommend more than one Doyle Scholar (or none) for any given academic session. The committee also has discretion to award a scholarship total which differs from the estimated costs.

Project Requirements for Those Awarded Doyle Scholarships

1. Academic work done for the Doyle Scholarship will be undertaken to fulfill the Honors College independent study requirement. The Doyle Scholar's final project may take the form of a research paper, a journal, an internship report, or another appropriate form as agreed with the academic supervisor, who shall give the project a final grade. Whatever form(s) the work takes, one copy will be given to the Honors College.
2. In addition, each Doyle Scholar recipient will submit to the Honors College a brief summary report (up to 5 pages, double-spaced) which reflects on the experience.

APPLICATION FORM FOR THE DOYLE SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

1. Name:	2. Student No:	3. Major:
4. Course number from appropriate unit:		
5. Name and department of faculty supervisor:		
6. Doyle Scholarship project description: <i>(NB: To be filled in by student. A fuller description is also required: see instruction sheet)</i>		
7. Brief statement as to estimated costs of research and main cost headings: <i>(NB: To be filled in by student. Please describe main cost headings and give an estimated total.)</i>		
<i>Total cost =</i> _____		
8. Faculty supervisor's recommendation:		
<input type="checkbox"/> I have read and approve the student's estimation of cost.		
<input type="checkbox"/> I approve the above research project as sufficient to receive _____ hours of credit in		
(enter dept. and course number): _____		
(signed) _____		(date): _____
(faculty supervisor)		
9. Student undertaking. I confirm my acceptance of this research project and of the University of Missouri's policies on intellectual property and I agree that my research findings and final research project report will be the property of the Board of Curators of the University of Missouri according to the patent/copyright rules of the University (ref: http://www.system.missouri.edu:80/uminfo/rules/content.htm#chp100) which are hereby incorporated into this agreement.		
(signed) _____		(date) _____
10. Honors College authorization: This research project is approved for academic credit and to meet _____ credit hours of the Honors College Independent Study requirement. Funding of _____ (enter amount) is also approved and will be added to the student's scholarship for _____ (semester).		
(signed) _____		(date) _____
(Robert M. Bliss, Dean, or Nancy Gleason, Interim Associate Dean, Pierre Laclède Honors College)		

The Applicant and the supervising faculty member should fill in the relevant shaded portions of this form and submit it, with the four-page application essay, to John Perez, Pierre Laclède Honors College Office.