



STUART R. GIVENS

memorial fellowship

*What would you do
If you could do anything?*



Purpose

Inspired by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Burch Fellows Program, the Stuart R. Givens Memorial Fellowship was initiated by friends of the late Dr. Givens to honor his passion for student learning. The Fellowship recognizes resourcefulness, imagination, and significant ability among Bowling Green State University undergraduate students by supporting self-designed off-campus experiences that will enable them to pursue a passionate interest in a manner not otherwise possible through an academic program, regular summer job, enrichment activity, or organized study abroad experience.

To remain true to the spirit of the Givens Fellowship, students will be encouraged to think broadly in shaping their projects; that is, to look beyond activities that relate to their field of academic study. It is expected that the experience will make a demonstrable difference in their lives and help them grow both personally and intellectually. Up to two Givens Fellows will be chosen annually. Each will receive a cash grant of up to \$6,000 to support the projects they have developed.

Eligibility

In order to qualify as a Givens Fellow, applicants must be full-time undergraduate students in good academic standing with Bowling Green State University and, additionally, must have completed at least two semesters at BGSU before they may apply. Applicants must also return to BGSU for at least two semesters before graduating (including the student teaching semester, if applicable) following their fellowship experience.

Additionally, candidates for the Givens Fellowship must possess a number of important personal qualities. Fellows must demonstrate significant creative, intellectual, and/or civic ability and promise. They should also be accomplished and engaged, representing the dreamers, thinkers, and builders of the rising generation.

Resourcefulness and imagination are also necessary traits for Givens Fellows to demonstrate: the ability to think around corners, and to see new possibilities in what already exists are qualities that will not only serve the Fellows in the planning of their chosen fellowship experience, but also throughout their academic career and their life beyond the University environment.

Furthermore, Givens Fellows must display commitment. Applicants must demonstrate that they are indeed invested in their self-crafted off-campus experience and that this is a project they will see through to the end. Such vision and focus allows Fellows to immerse themselves in the world in a manner beyond their regular academic and personal pursuits, and support their continuing intellectual and personal growth.

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