TARTAN SCHOLARS
OPEN DOORS. CLOSE the OPPORTUNITY GAP.

Carnegie Mellon University’s Tartan Scholars program empowers high-achieving students from limited-resource backgrounds to excel at CMU and beyond by focusing on connection, communication and coaching.

Incoming Tartan Scholars encounter a rich network of academic, social and financial support at CMU. They learn about available resources that will help them succeed. They connect with staff mentors and Tartan Scholar Ambassadors — upperclassmen who become trusted guides.

During their first year, Tartan Scholars benefit from personalized academic coaching that amplifies their strengths. During their second year, Tartan Scholars enhance their campus engagement, faculty relationships and career interests, and work to secure internships and undergraduate research placement with faculty in the lab or in the field. Throughout the program, fostering a sense of belonging and community for the students is a priority. By supporting social, emotional and cultural needs, Tartan Scholars aims to close opportunity gaps that can create barriers to achieving goals and graduating.

Tartan Scholars have the passion, creativity and drive to solve the most urgent problems in our communities and across the world. Your commitment helps these students make their bright futures possible.
YOU CAN MAKE A SUPPORTIVE EDUCATION POSSIBLE AT CMU FOR THE TARTAN SCHOLARS THROUGH:

ENDOWED FUNDS
Have a permanent impact on future generations of Tartan Scholars by providing support that will allow this program to grow and flourish.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Open doors to meaningful career and learning opportunities for our Tartan Scholars with resources to participate in internships, research and study abroad programs.

EMERGENCY SUPPORT
Create a financial safety net to keep an unexpected life interruption from being an educational disruption — whether it’s a broken laptop or a medical, food or housing crisis.

COMMUNITY BUILDING
Bring Tartan Scholars together for formal and informal opportunities to socialize, learn and connect, such as the Tartan Scholars Summer Boot Camp for First-Year Students, which helps new Scholars to focus on quantitative analysis, faculty engagement, campus partners networking and academic advising preparations in an academic experience prior to the first semester of their first year.

BY THE NUMBERS

155 First- and Second-Year Tartan Scholars
22 Tartan Scholar Ambassadors
27 caring staff mentors

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