

Invitation to undergraduate students:

## **Be a DU Grand Challenge Student Scholar**

### **What is a DU Grand Challenge Student Scholar?**

DU Grand Challenge Student Scholars provides students with an opportunity to deepen their participation in [DU Grand Challenges](#) through a faculty-mentored program that will support students' preparation to contribute to public good work. Students will have the opportunity to integrate their learning across their DU Grand Challenges experiences, as well as other community-engagement experiences, to make meaning of the sum of their work. For more information, please visit [the DUGC Student Scholars webpage](#).

### **Who is eligible?**

All undergraduate students are eligible. Students who are studying abroad during the fall or winter quarter may apply and include abroad experiences that connect to grand challenge issue areas.

### **What are the benefits?**

- With faculty mentorship, students will develop an ePortfolio that will serve as a tangible and clear representation of their potential to contribute to work on complex public problems. As a result of developing an ePortfolio, students will be able to connect and integrate their community-engaged learning, scholarship, creative work and service in DU Grand Challenges and related community engagement experiences.
- DUGC Scholars are eligible for funding (up to \$2,000 per individual, or \$5,000 for a group of 2 or more) to support community-engaged service projects and research/creative work.
- Students will be recognized at the annual Crimson & Gold Awards Ceremony and will receive a certificate signed by the Chancellor. Scholars with the top two e-portfolios will receive special honor as a Distinguished DU Grand Challenge Student Scholar and potential nomination for one of the additional DU Pioneer Awards.
- Students may receive free admission to DUGC-sponsored community events.

## What are the requirements to participate?

Students will complete at least one activity in each of four pathways of the DU Grand Challenges program. Students may include other experiences, such as study abroad and DU Service and Change, that connect to grand challenge issue areas. The four pathways are:

- **Connect.** Attend an event where there is an opportunity to network and hear from others about work connected to one or more grand challenge issue area.
- **Engage.** Tackle a grand challenge issue through application of knowledge and skills, e.g. research, creative work, service project.
- **Expand.** Share learning and skills related to one or more grand challenge issue with others.
- **Learn.** Enhance knowledge and understanding of grand challenges and/or techniques for working collaboratively.

The table below provides a sample of activities in the four pathways.

**Table 1. DU Grand Challenge Student Scholars Sample Pathway Activities**

|   | PATHWAYS* |        |        |       |
|---|-----------|--------|--------|-------|
|   | Connect   | Engage | Expand | Learn |
| Attend a DUGC co-branded events (e.g. Pioneering Denver**)                      | ✓         |        |        |       |
| Attend a DUGC Forum (any quarter)   | ✓         |        |        |       |
| Present at a DUGC Forum (any quarter)   |           |        | ✓      |       |
| Apply for a DUGC ACE Student Grant (any quarter)                                |           | ✓      |        |       |
| Enroll in a DUGC class (any quarter)  |           |        |        | ✓     |
| Attend the Community Organizing Institute (Fall Q)                              |           |        |        | ✓     |
| Complete Scholar Shop Project (any quarter)                                     |           | ✓      |        |       |
| Serve as a Public Good Fellow (any quarter)                                     |           |        | ✓      |       |
| Participate in A Community Table (Spring Q)                                     | ✓         |        |        |       |
| Host a table for A Community Table (Spring Q)                                   |           | ✓      |        |       |
| Organize a DUGC-connected service opportunity (e.g through DU Service & Change) |           | ✓      |        |       |





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## Part II: Getting to Know You

### 1) Why do you want to be a DU Grand Challenge Student Scholar? (300 words):

- Describe your experience with community-engaged learning, scholarship, creative work and service during your time at DU.
- Describe your experience partnering with community organizations on activities that address a community need.

### 2) As a DU Grand Challenge Student Scholar, what do you want to accomplish? (300 words):

- What issue area(s) are you interested in working on?
- How will you use the experience to further your aspirations for the public good?