

EAS Learning Award Program

A Learning Award is designed to give EAS undergraduate students an opportunity to pursue external contacts in the science field that will help them gain practical knowledge of that field prior to graduation. The intent is to give the student a jump-start on their career in a chosen field within the EAS curriculum. Each recipient will be asked to report on the external experience and what was gained by the activity. This includes sharing that experience with fellow classmates and faculty at the end of the Award period. The activity begins with mentoring and encourages the possibility of student internships, externships, research experiences, or field work. The number of awards made each semester will depend on available funding and the number of mentors participating.

Eligibility – Any student who has completed two years of course work in an EAS major with a GPA of 3.0 or higher is eligible for this award (i.e., Junior standing and completion of required 200-level coursework in GEOL or METR). Transfer students are eligible, providing that they meet the course work requirements. Students who are on track to graduate within 3 months of the award application or have received a bachelor's degree or higher (at the University of Nebraska or any other four-year college or university) are not eligible. The minimum GPA requirement may be waived if the student is making good academic progress, in the opinion of the Department Chair.

Award Components and Funding – The Award given to the student will be in the amount of \$500 for one semester. An additional \$500 may be given for continuation of mentoring in the following semester, if progress is satisfactory, as determined by the Department Chair, and depending on available funding and mentors. No student will be given this award for more than two semesters.

Mentoring Format – The mentor is asked to assist the student in understanding the career pathway that they plan to follow. Discussions may include but are not limited to the following subjects:

1. Current trends in the chosen field such as: (a) skills that are important and in demand; (b) typical employer expectations; and (c) typical salary ranges and benefit packages.
2. Resume writing, Interviewing skills, and post-interview suggestions.
3. Examples of current projects, research, and regulations that are in effect and how they impact the field.
4. Information on how problems are solved and to what extent these are team or individual solutions.
5. Information on types of equipment, hardware, and software that are used.
6. Performance reviews and how they can impact career paths.
7. Variety of employment opportunities and job prospects in a chosen field.

Application Instructions

Complete the attached form and return it electronically along with a current unofficial transcript to the Department Chair (crowe1@unl.edu) by the application deadline listed below.

Summer 2023 application deadline: 5:00pm, Friday, 5 May 2023

EAS Learning Award Application

Name _____ Date _____

Major _____ Current GPA _____

What is your current career goal?

What do you hope to get out of a mentoring relationship with a professional in your field?

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