2021-2022 Presidential Scholars Position Announcement

The Presidential Scholar position is a one-year full time appointment awarded to three (3) December 2020/May 2021 graduates of a UNC System undergraduate baccalaureate program. This position provides a wide range of professional functions for the UNC System Office that will require candidates to be versatile team players. Candidates should be creative, innovative thinkers who dare ask the question, ‘how can we best serve all constituents of the UNC System?’ This position is ideal for young professionals who are passionate about making equity-minded change in order to better serve their communities through many avenues, including, but not limited to, policy and legislative interventions in higher education. Scholars will work to research and write policy, and contribute regularly to cross-functional teams.

Purpose
The purpose of the UNC Presidential Scholar position is to provide new graduates of the UNC System with the unique opportunity to work on a wide-variety of projects, network with high-profile individuals, and refine professional development skills in preparation for the next step in their careers.

Knowledge, Skills, & Abilities:
- Highly motivated self-starter
- Ability to manage multiple time-sensitive, unique projects
- Research and editing skills
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office
- Ability to provide valuable input to high level, cross-functional teams
- Embody professionalism and leadership skills
- Strong interpersonal communication skills

Minimum Requirements:
Presidential Scholars must be a recipient of a December 2020 or May 2021 baccalaureate degree from a constituent institution within the University of North Carolina system.

Compensation
Recipients of this position will earn a wage of $18/hour.

To apply for this program, complete the online application no later than January 28, 2021. When completing the online application, please upload the following: your resume, a brief paragraph about a dream project you would like to be involved in or accomplish, your cover letter, an unofficial transcript, and a letter of recommendation. If you have any questions about the program or application process, please feel free to contact Minda Watkins, Special Assistant to the President and/or Akura Fontenot, Assistant to the President at scholars@president.northcarolina.edu. Interviews for the finalists will take place in February with an anticipated start date of July 2021.