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Redwine Honors Program

Mission Statement

The Redwine Honors Program at Midwestern State University is designed to bring out the best in academically talented students and to serve as a core of academic excellence within the university community. Through an enriched liberal arts core curriculum and upper-level interdisciplinary courses, the program strives to achieve three goals:

- Provide an academically and personally challenging home for gifted students where they can become part of a mutually challenging and supportive community of scholars.
- Nurture these high achievers so that they can contribute to the intellectual experience of the entire university community.
- Provide a special academic place where new ideas, faculty innovation, activities, and cultural events may be explored in a small, controlled setting which serves as a laboratory for the entire university.

The Redwine Honors Program enhances the overall academic quality at the university by recruiting and retaining highly qualified students and developing them into productive citizens and loyal alumni. This program is available to students in all majors at Midwestern State University.

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- Faculty

- One faculty director

- Staff

- One full time assistant director, one half-time coordinator

- Student Worker

- One student assistant

- Honors Program Students

- 103 current students in the program

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- Benefits for Students:

- Scholarship support (detailed in a later slide)
- Being included in a community of scholars
- Honors courses and priority registration
- Financial support for research and travel to conferences
- Leadership roles on campus
- Opportunities for campus and community engagement provided specifically through Honors event programming

- Benefits for MSU:

- The Honors Program is an excellent tool to recruit and retain some of the most high quality students to MSU
- Honors students provide a community of support that enhances the entire student body
- The Honors Program offers an academic place for students as well as faculty to explore and experiment with new ideas

Honors Program 22810 2810	FY15-16	FY 16-17	Proposed FY 17-18
Staff Salaries	\$47,757	\$55,449	\$69,598
Non-Student Wages	\$ 9,500	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800
Student Wages		\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Fringe	\$18,612	\$22,105	\$33,602
M&O	\$ 8,208	\$ 8,208	\$ 8,208
Travel	\$ 1,710	\$ 1,514	\$ 8,800
Utilities	\$ 400	\$ 250	\$ 250
Longevity	\$ 2,040	\$ 960	\$ 1,200
Total:	\$95,227	\$96,286	\$129,458

The coordinator position needs to be transitioned to full time in order to be effective. Total increase in salary for coordinator would be \$14,149. The fringe is an overestimate based on projected rates added to 16-17's amount.

We also need increased travel money so that we can take more students to regional and national Honors conferences, as undergraduate research continues to play an important role at MSU.

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Honors Program Instruction 42810 2810	FY15-16	FY16-17	Proposed FY 17-18
Adjunct	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000	\$17,000
Fringe	\$ 2,746	\$ 2,457	\$ 2,457
Scholarships	\$290,700		
Total:	\$310,446	\$19,457	\$19,457

Student scholarships were moved to new account beginning in 16-17.

This account covers faculty pay for teaching Honors courses.

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Honors Program Scholarships 42812 2810	FY16-17	Proposed FY 17-18
Scholarships	\$360,000	\$380,000
Total:	\$360,000	\$380,000

Scholarship amount needs to be increased to meet the rising number of students studying abroad, participating in National Collegiate Honors Council sponsored events, and participating in undergraduate research/conferences, and to allow us to accept and fund more qualified applicants.

Honors students receive scholarships for the following:

- \$2,000 per long semester as long as they are in good standing, for up to eight semesters
- \$1,000 for study abroad (we match the scholarship from International Education for Honors students)
- Funding for presenting at academic conferences
- Funding for participation in National Collegiate Honors Council sponsored events, such as Partners in the Parks
- \$300 per semester for living in Honors Housing to offset the cost of a more expensive residence hall and to encourage students to choose Honors housing to build community

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