

Provost's Scholarship Program Q&A

The information below applies to traditional undergraduate transfer students who have been offered a Provost's Scholarship that entitles you to a unique leadership program opportunity. The information below is valid for Provost's Scholars who transfer to the traditional undergraduate program during the 2008-2009 academic year.

What is the Provost's Scholarship Program?

Congratulations on your high academic achievement! You will receive a Provost's Scholarship that will be added to your financial aid award package in recognition of your achievement. This scholarship is renewable for up to three years while you complete your degree at FPU. To have the scholarship renewed you must maintain a 3.0 GPA. You will have the opportunity to participate in a leadership class with the Provost where you will be challenged to grow in your role as a leader on the FPU campus and in your community. You will learn about various leadership models, develop your strengths as a leader and expand the strengths that you already have.

After your first year at FPU, this scholarship also entitles you to apply for one of our highly sought out student assistantships. By entering FPU with such high academic standing and maintaining a good GPA at FPU this first year, the faculty at Fresno Pacific University will extend to you an opportunity to apply for one of our faculty guided assistantships during one or more of your semesters at FPU.

If I accept the Provost's Scholarship, am I required to enroll in the Provost's Leadership class?

Yes, to be eligible to receive the Provost's Scholarship you must participate in the Provost Leadership Award program which includes enrolling in *IDS 200 Models of Leadership* for one unit of credit in the 2009 spring semester.

What is an assistantship?

When you have established a solid academic record in your first year of attendance at FPU, a limited number of students will be approved to apply for special projects or academic activities monitored and coordinated by our faculty. Some faculty members organize and run scientific lab research and need research assistants to come alongside to help manage the project. Other faculty members are involved in arranging for FPU students to have significant field research or internships. Some faculty members look for the brightest students in their areas of academic expertise to assist them in planning, organizing and providing for special speakers, seminars and lectureships. Other faculty seek assistants to help them with the research required for publication and textbook writing. Occasionally the focus of the assistantship is to prepare special presentations for classes being taught by our faculty. Assistantships will be made available to a select few of our students who have proven academic standing both prior to enrollment and during their academic work at FPU.

What is the real value of an assistantship?

This kind of one-on-one experience with a faculty member gives our graduates something to put on their resume or graduate school application. Being in close contact with a faculty member involved in research, internship, presentation, and/or authoring is the kind of experience most often reserved for graduate school. We want to introduce our best students to a level of academic rigor that gets them well prepared for the requisite life-long learning

needed in today's careers. Our students use relationships built during their assistantships to launch themselves into advanced knowledge and to secure letters of recommendation for further pursuits of academic excellence.

At FPU, our students consistently report high satisfaction with the knowledge of our faculty in their fields of study. They also speak highly about the approachability of our faculty and how helpful they are. About 50% of our graduates go on to advanced study and the recommendations and advice of our faculty continues to be one of our strengths. Assistantships are a sure fire way to secure real hands-on experience, supervised by a faculty mentor who becomes a guide to developing excellence in your academic pursuits.

A final congratulations!!!

Again, we would like to congratulate you on your academic achievement and invite you into a select group of transfer students who are finding the FPU community to be a place where they are challenged to develop and expand their strengths as a leader on campus, in the community, and beyond.

If you have any questions about the Provost's Scholarship Program please feel free to contact the Student Financial Services Office at 559.453.2041 or sfs@fresno.edu