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# HERBERT SCHOLARS PROGRAM

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES & NATURAL RESOURCES  
THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, KNOXVILLE

Students within the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) will have a chance to engage in transformative experiential learning opportunities if selected to participate in the Herbert Scholars Program.

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The Herbert Scholars Program was established by UT alumni James and Judi Herbert. The program provides financial assistance for five to eight CASNR undergraduates engaged in experiential learning opportunities during summer 2017. Herbert Scholars will use their summer experiences to lay a strong foundation for future success as leaders in the agricultural and natural resources industry. These hands-on experiences may include internships, field, or laboratory work. For more examples of experiential learning opportunities, please visit [experiencelearning.utk.edu/types](http://experiencelearning.utk.edu/types).

## ELIGIBILITY

The Herbert Scholars Program is open to all undergraduate students enrolled in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, with the exception of graduating seniors.

## HOW TO APPLY

Complete the online application at [tiny.utk.edu/Herbert-Scholar](http://tiny.utk.edu/Herbert-Scholar). The deadline to apply is April 3. Applications will be considered through a competitive process designed by CASNR to select successful Herbert Scholars. All applicants will be notified of their status by April 24.

## EXPECTATIONS OF HERBERT SCHOLARS

Herbert Scholars will be expected to fulfill several obligations following their summer experience. These obligations include the following:

- Documenting their supported experiences through journaling, photography, and videos.
- Participating in one or more CASNR events during 2017-18 to promote the Herbert Scholars Program to potential applicants.
- Developing and facilitating classroom presentations regarding the Herbert Scholars Program to educate students on the importance of career development and experiential learning.



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### ***THE HERBERTS—BUSINESS LEADER AND PHILANTHROPISTS***

Jim and Judi Herbert have a record of support of research and higher education that led the University of Tennessee to honor them as Philanthropists of the Year in 2016. CASNR itself has recognized Mr. Herbert's many achievements, professional and personal, with an honorary PhD—the first the College has awarded in its history. In 1982, two decades after earning a double major in animal science and journalism from UT, Mr. Herbert cofounded Neogen Corporation. Today, the rapid diagnostic testing and test kits Neogen has pioneered are regarded as the gold standard by industries and government agencies throughout the world. *Forbes*, *Fortune*, and other indexes have consistently ranked Neogen and Herbert, its long-time CEO, among their top one hundred or higher. In addition, Mr. Herbert has led more than thirty corporations as an officer or member of the Board of Directors and served as a special advisor for business development to two Michigan governors.

His wife, Judi Anderson Herbert, earned a bachelor's degree in English from UT in 1963. Judi is well known for her philanthropic contributions to numerous organizations, initiatives, and programs. She is an active contributor to the University of Tennessee, via the College of Arts and Sciences. Through the Herbert Scholars Program, both she and Jim are assisting students in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources in advancing toward their life's goals.

### ***QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES***

*For questions regarding the Herbert Scholars Program, please contact Leann McElhaney, UT College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Dean's Office, at 865-974-7506 or [jmcelhan@utk.edu](mailto:jmcelhan@utk.edu).*