



Application for BSE International Scholarships 2023-2024

For the 2023-2024 academic year, there are two scholarship programs to support international experiences for BSE students, these are the Julia K. Pryde Memorial Scholarship and the Pratt Scholarship. More details on each of these opportunities are provided below. Senior Design Teams applying for these funds should submit one, unified application, for consideration.

Scholarship funds are available for both undergraduate and graduate students. Scholarship applications are accepted at any time, preferably at least two months before the proposed activity. Funding is at the discretion of the committee considering the completeness and quality of submitted application materials, references, potential for academic and professional growth, and available scholarship resources. Unfortunately, the number of awards and scholarship funding is very limited. Annual scholarship funding levels vary, however, often 6 to 10 awards are made each year from a total scholarship funding pool of approximately \$12k to \$15k. Generally, these scholarships only fund a portion of eligible program costs and each international opportunity usually requires other sources of funding and participant buy-in.

Please contact John Ignosh (jignosh@vt.edu) for more information about the application process, the programs outlined below, or for feedback on your draft application.

Pratt Scholarship Program

This academic year, the Pratt Scholarship supports undergraduate BSE students for international travel and programs that broaden student's educational, professional and personal background. In BSE the fund can be used by students for international exchanges, internships, volunteer work, for travel to international conferences at which the student is presenting their work, and related opportunities.

Julia K. Pryde Memorial Scholarship Program

The Julia Kathleen Pryde Memorial Scholarship Fund was established through the generosity of her family, friends and our alumni in 2007 in memory of Julia Pryde (BS '06, MS '07) who passed away tragically on April 16, 2007. The fund supports undergraduate and graduate BSE students who are interested in international activities, particularly in sustainability of the environment, as Julia was.



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM
Biological Systems Engineering, Virginia Tech

Name: _____

Email: _____

Requirements:

1. Complete and signed application form. A reminder that part of the scholarship award evaluation process is based on the completeness and quality of this application, it is encouraged that you develop a complete and persuasive case for your application.
2. Learn, gain new perspectives, expand your world, make friends, have fun
3. Be a good ambassador for Virginia Tech and for the BSE department

Students must:

1. Have appropriate prerequisites for their proposed program
2. Be in good standing as a BSE student

Application:

Sign and return this form as an attachment with the following to Laura Eanes (lheanes@vt.edu), electronic submission is required:

1. Name, email, phone number and last four digits of student identification number
2. Degree sought, expected graduation date (semester and year), and cumulative GPA
3. Contact information for two references: (name, email, phone)
 - a. Academic advisor
 - b. Professional or educational reference
4. Summary of your past experience/expertise related to sustainability of the environment (if applicable)
5. Please provide a ½ page proposal describing your proposed activity, educational focus, student responsibilities, total cost, and contact information
6. Briefly describe why you are interested in this experience, and explain what you hope to gain by participating in this program (1 page maximum)
7. Budget: Provide a detailed estimate of expenses, the source of funds in hand or expected (if any), and the requested level of funding



8. Deliverable: Students have three post-event deliverable options that must be satisfied within 45 days of completion. Regardless of selected option, the deliverable should: Describe any professional, academic, and personal growth that resulted from the work; Detail any new collaborations developed as a result of the experience; Include images (photos, videos) from your activity; share the impact the experience has had from your perspective; and share any “words of wisdom” for future BSE students considering a similar experience. Please select from one of the following post-trip deliverable options, and briefly describe your post-trip deliverable plan in your application and your planned completion date.
- a. VIDEO: You can opt to produce some type of short web-based documentary type product. This should detail your experiences in your own words/voices (e.g., short YouTube presentation, etc.); indicate anticipated completion date.
 - b. PRESENTATION: You may give a presentation, seminar, webinar, or brown bag talk detailing your activity, which will be recorded via ZOOM; indicate anticipated completion date.
 - c. REPORT: You can opt to submit a report (as a PDF) detailing your activity; indicate anticipated completion date.

I understand the expectations as outlined above and, if selected, will fully participate and abide by the standards expected of a student at Virginia Tech.

Signature(s): _____

Date: _____