

The Goals of the **2010** McMaster School for Advancing Humanity

The McMaster School for Advancing Humanity was founded to serve as a focal point for teaching, service, scholarship, and action to improve the human condition worldwide. The mission of the McMaster School is

- To educate students for responsible citizenship;
- To produce committed global citizens and leaders who understand the importance of individual liberties in improving the human condition worldwide; and
- To encourage graduates to take an active role in addressing these issues in whatever professions they may choose.

The School serves as a catalyst for innovative, interdisciplinary, community-based work by creating and supporting opportunities for teams of faculty, students, and staff to use their academic and professional skills to address a community need. The McMaster Scholars Program provides research and travel support for student scholars who successfully complete a competitive process.

Successful projects clearly address the goals of the McMaster School, which are

1. To critically examine the root causes of human suffering through community-based research that addresses systemic factors that impede human progress;
2. To give students the knowledge and capacities to be active world citizens and to view themselves as members of the world community;
3. To contribute actively through sponsored scholarship and service to the improvement of the human condition worldwide;
4. To exchange, create, and disseminate knowledge about successful models of active citizenship and public service; and
5. To create at Defiance College one of the nation's premier undergraduate educational programs with a focus on scholarship and service, with a special emphasis on developing an innovative approach to teaching.

Electronic copies of this form are available in the McMaster School folder on academic d: If you have difficulty locating it please contact Delicia at 419-783-2552 or dsmith@defiance.edu

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Application Form

*Please use this form for your proposal. All proposals **MUST** be submitted electronically to dsmith@defiance.edu. Any proposal received after 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31 will **NOT** be considered.*

PROPOSAL COVER SHEET

Name:

DC Email:

Major:

Projected graduation date:

Telephone number: (telephone number where you are most easily reached).

Mailing Address:

Summer Contact Information: (If different from above)

Have you traveled internationally YES NO; domestically YES NO

Dates	Location	Purpose	w/Whom	Length of trip

Which of the following most influenced your decision to apply for this particular learning community? (select only one)

Career enhancement Faculty member Peer/friend
Educational goals Academic challenge Personal growth
Current/former learning community member Academic advisor

Why you would be good to travel with? (1 paragraph)

What personal strengths would you bring to support the learning community? (1 paragraph)

How do you plan to apply your McMaster experience in the future?

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I. Project Abstract **(15 points)**

Up 100 words that briefly state 1) the purpose of your project, 2) clearly and concisely describes what you will do, and 3) explains why your project is important to the community you will be working with and to your academic goals.

II. Statement of Interest **(30 points)**

In no more than 500 words, state 1) why you are interested in the location, population, and/or community need; 2) why you want to focus on this area and/or type of work; 3) what skills and expertise you bring to this project; 4) how this project is driven by a community need.

III. Background/Literature Review **(15 points)**

In no more than 500 words, describe how the literature that you have read supports 1) the community need for and 2) design of your project. This is your literature review. It should provide a solid academic perspective on your project. Your literature review must provide evidence that you have reviewed relevant articles from previous McMaster Journals.

IV. Project Methodology **(25 points)**

In no more than 500 words, describe what you plan to do and how you plan to do it. This section needs to be precise. For example, if you are collecting personal histories, how many will you collect, how will you collect them, how will you make the information you collect useful?

V. Outcome **(15 points)**

In no more than 300 words, answer the following questions: What will you accomplish? What will be the end product? How will it benefit the community? How will your project contribute new knowledge about your project topic? How will you get the results of your project to the community?

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VI. McMaster Goals **(10 points)**

In no more than 300 words, relate your project focus and outcome(s) to the goals of the McMaster School for Advancing Humanity on page one of this application.

VII. Budget (excluding travel costs) **(5 points)**

You must include a budget with your proposal. Do not include basic travel, lodging, or meal expenses. If you anticipate no expenses that relate specifically to your project, you still must provide a sentence to that effect. Please consult the Fellow leading the learning community of interest for more information.

VIII. Bibliography (APA style) **(10 points)**

List all of the sources that you used in your background section, as well as other credible intellectual sources that support your proposal. Proposals that include incomplete bibliographies or references (e.g., missing dates, author information, etc...) will not be considered. There is an APA style guide in our library. There are a number of good on-line resources that provide clear examples of how to use APA-style references and citations.

IX. Obtain two references from faculty or staff using the student applicant reference form. References should be completed and sent independently to Delicia Smith in the McMaster School. Reference forms are located

X. **FOR RETURNING SCHOLARS ONLY. (30 points)**

If you have been named as a McMaster Scholar in previous years, in no more than 300 words please explain how your previous experience as a McMaster Scholar will especially benefit the learning community for which you are applying.

Congratulations! You are finished. Please submit electronically to Delicia Smith at dsmith@defiance.edu by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, 2010.