

# Mentora Scholars

## A FULLY-FUNDED FELLOWSHIP TO BUILD EXCEPTIONAL CHANGEMAKERS

*History's most transformative leaders achieved outsized impact because they were fundamentally anchored from within. This journey is built for students who know that outer impact requires inner mastery.*

### About the Fellowship

Mentora Scholars is a fully-funded fellowship that prepares college students to become exemplary changemakers in their careers and communities. Inspired by history's great leaders—from Lincoln and Mother Teresa to Gandhi—the program endeavors to identify, develop, and support the next generation of transformative leaders across sectors who uplift humanity, elevate character, and change people from within.

Rooted in the award-winning research and teachings of Dr. Hitendra Wadhwa, longtime Columbia Business School professor and author of *Inner Mastery, Outer Impact*, this fellowship brings together a selective cohort of students to clarify their values, build deep peer relationships, and join a lifelong network of leaders grounded in wisdom, purpose, and bringing positive change in the world.

### The Experience

Selected Scholars complete a two-part leadership program:

1. **The Core Curriculum (Virtual | Feb. – April 2027):** Reading, reflection, community-building
2. **The Residential Immersion (May 17 – 28, 2027):**
  - **Inner Mastery:** Cultivating the five energies of Purpose, Wisdom, Growth, Love, and Self-Realization.
  - **Outer Impact:** Deploying 25+ simple actions we can use to activate these energies in the moments that matter.
  - **Changemaking:** Translating internal growth into meaningful external action.

Following the Residential Immersion, Scholars join a lifelong community with opportunities to serve as Mentora Ambassadors or apply for the advanced Mentora Fellows program.



### What Scholars Say

Mentora Scholars teaches you how to cultivate your soul beyond just your mind. It has made me a more purpose-driven, joy-driven, and social-justice-oriented individual.

**SHANE MONTAL**  
*Columbia University '29*

This fellowship is very different from the several leadership-based fellowships I have participated in around the world. What makes this one very unique is this way of leadership from within, inside out.

**KOOK HU**  
*McGill University '26*



## What We Look For

We welcome applications from U.S. and Canadian undergraduates and recent graduates (within one year of completion) who are dedicated to spiritual depth, character growth, personal excellence, and service to humanity.

## Application Timeline

- Applications Open: Monday, September 14, 2026
- Information Session: Tuesday, October 20, 2026 — 4 pm ET | Zoom
- Early Priority Deadline: Sunday, November 8, 2026
- Final Deadline: Sunday, January 17, 2027

*Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. Apply early for priority consideration.*



## What Scholars Say

Not only is Dr. Wadhwa's approach unique, but even the questions he's asking are really not being asked in your normal college classroom. My long walks with Dr. Wadhwa talking about life, or faith, or the importance of self-development — those will always stay with me.

**STANLEY WILLIAM DAVIS**  
*Columbia University '26,  
Rhodes Scholar*

The most transformational part of this program was meeting all the people here and really finding my crew, friends that support me and really don't judge me no matter what. There is a lot of psychological safety... coming here was like this really nice retreat of finding myself once again.

**HELEN LIU**  
*University of Pennsylvania, '28*



Are you willing to be seen?  
Not impressed. Not celebrated.  
Not assessed. Seen. Because  
that is what this experience  
asks of you.

*Mentora Scholar '26*

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