

The Sewanee Pledge Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Pledge?

We pledge—to help Sewanee graduates secure top jobs and spots at top graduate programs by providing funding for a summer internship or research opportunity.

We pledge—to help Sewanee graduates find their place in an increasingly interconnected world by providing you with access to a semester-long study abroad program at no additional tuition cost.

We pledge—that you will graduate (with one major) in four consecutive years. If you do not, Sewanee will provide up to one additional year of study tuition-free.

What are the details?

Internship & Research Opportunity

We guarantee that students entering Sewanee in the fall of 2018 will be able to receive funding (approx. \$375/week for 6 to 8 weeks for an internship and 4 to 8 weeks for an assistantship) for one summer internship or research assistantship. Students must identify and secure the opportunity through a competitive process. To be eligible for funding, the internship/assistantship must be unfunded or under-funded by the sponsoring organization. A student must meet GPA requirements and be in good social standing. Internship opportunities facilitated by Career and Leadership Development and fully funded (i.e. at least \$375 per week) by the sponsored organization will be considered to have fulfilled the guarantee.

What is being promised?

Funding for one approved unfunded or under-funded summer internship or research assistantship during a student's four years at Sewanee.

Does this apply for incoming first-year students only? What about transfers?

The Sewanee Pledge applies to all students who are entering Sewanee for the first time in the fall of 2018—including transfer students.

What is the student's responsibility?

To receive funding through Sewanee, students must secure an unpaid internship, either with the help of the Career & Leadership Development office or independently, submit a funding proposal by the deadline, and avoid social and academic choices that result in institutional probation (as defined in the EQB Guide). Students placed on institutional probation may forfeit internship/assistantship funding available through the Sewanee Pledge. No minimum GPA requirements exist after the first year, but first-year students who apply for funding must attain a GPA of 3.25 or higher in their first semester.

What is considered good social standing?

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The Dean of Students and Career & Leadership Development office review students' social behavior for patterns of social violations and serious incidents of misconduct. Generally speaking, a student who has not had a serious incident or who has not been cited for a social violation in the prior two semesters on campus will be judged to be in good social standing.

Is funding available only for internships offered through Sewanee?

No. Funding is available for summer internships posted through Sewanee's proprietary database, TigerNet, OR for internships secured directly by students.

Is funding available only for research opportunities with Sewanee faculty?

No. Sewanee students may pursue summer research opportunities with Sewanee faculty or research opportunities supervised by faculty at other institutions.

Can I receive funding for more than one internship or assistantship?

No. Funding for only one summer internship or assistantship is guaranteed as part of the Sewanee Pledge.

How much funding is available per student?

Funding is \$375 per week for 6-8 week summer internships or 4-8 week research assistantships.

Are there any restrictions for International students?

International students are subject to federal regulations with regard to their visa status. If their visa status allows them to have an internship, the Pledge applies.

Does funding differ based on location, length of program, etc.?

No. Funding is \$375 per week for 6-8 week summer internships or 4-8 week research assistantships.

Can the funding be received the summer prior to enrolling at Sewanee?

No. The Sewanee Pledge is only available to enrolled students with priority given to rising juniors and seniors. This restriction does not apply to students who participate in the Sewanee research bridge; students who receive research bridge funding are still eligible for the Pledge internship or research.

How long is this guarantee planned to run? How long can we currently officially say it will be running?

The assumption is that the Sewanee Pledge will continue going forward beyond this academic year.

Study Abroad Experience

We guarantee that students entering Sewanee in the fall of 2018 will be able participate in an approved semester-long study abroad program as a junior at no additional tuition charge except for travel and expenses. Students must apply and then be accepted in an approved program, meet any GPA requirements, and be in good social standing.

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What is being promised?

One semester-long program away from Sewanee in an approved program.

Does this apply for incoming first-year students only? What about transfers?

The Sewanee Pledge applies to all students who are entering Sewanee for the first time in the fall of 2018—including transfer students.

What study abroad programs can a student attend?

The current lineup for approved programs can be viewed at

<http://www.sewanee.edu/academics/about/global-citizenship/studyaway/programs/>

Approved programs may change year to year.

What are the additional costs to the student?

The only additional costs are travel expenses to and from the program location. During the semester away, students continue to pay Sewanee's comprehensive fee and continue to receive the same financial aid they would receive if they stayed at Sewanee. Sewanee will pay for approved programs up to the cost of Sewanee's comprehensive fees; students will bear program costs beyond Sewanee's comprehensive fees.

Do students continue to receive non-need, tuition exchange, tuition remission, or merit based aid if they study abroad in an approved program?

Yes

Who can go?

Juniors who meet minimum GPA requirements and who are in good academic and social standing.

What is the minimum GPA requirement?

Students are automatically eligible to study away who have at least a 2.70 grade point average. A student whose GPA is below 2.70 and above 2.50 may petition the Office of Global Citizenship to study away. Individual programs may have higher requirements.

What is considered good social standing?

The Dean of Students and Associate Dean of Global Citizenship review students' social behavior for patterns of social violations and serious incidents of misconduct. Generally speaking, a student who has not had a serious incident or who has not been cited for a social violation in the prior two semesters on campus will be judged to be in good social standing.

Can the student choose which semester during the junior year to study away?

Students can express a preference of semester, but the University cannot guarantee that a student's preference for a particular semester will be granted.

Is there any cap on how many students can go on study abroad each semester or other system to avoid most of the campus leaving at the same time?

The Associate Dean of Global Citizenship will balance the number of students abroad each semester with other institutional factors.

Does this include a summer study abroad program?

No. Only approved semester-long programs are part of the Sewanee Pledge.

Is there a refund if the selected program is less expensive than Sewanee tuition?

No. The home-fee system allows Sewanee to provide an abroad experience for more students.

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Graduate in Four Years

We guarantee that students entering Sewanee in the fall of 2018 will graduate (with one major) in four consecutive years. If you do not, Sewanee will provide up to one additional year of study tuition free.

What is satisfactory academic progress and how does that affect the pledge? What are the responsibilities of the student?

1. Declare and be admitted to a major by the end of the sophomore year. You may change majors if, at the time you make a change, you can still meet the requirements of the new major and graduate within four calendar years.
2. Remain in good academic standing at the University.
3. Complete 32 (is this right) semester hours of units each year for four years as required by the college and major, and meet all degree progress checkpoints.
4. Meet with your faculty advisor prior to registration each term to review your course plan and monitor progress.
5. Register for courses within the assigned registration period.
6. Enroll in available courses needed for the program of study; accept any available section that can be accommodated in your course schedule.
7. Make timely annual application for all necessary financial assistance, to avoid registration problems.
8. Monitor your own progress toward degree completion
9. Notify faculty advisor if unable to register for a required course needed in the major or for graduation.
10. All accounts must be settled on time and in full.

What is being promised?

Students who meet Sewanee's academic and social standards will graduate (with one major) in four consecutive years. If you do not, Sewanee will provide up to one additional year of study tuition-free.

Does this apply for incoming first-year students only? What about transfers?

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The four year graduation component applies to first-time first year degree-seeking students starting with those who are entering Sewanee in the fall of 2018. This does not apply to transfer students.

What is considered good social standing?

The Dean of Students reviews students' social behavior for patterns of social violations and serious incidents of misconduct. Generally speaking, a student who has not had a serious incident or who has not been cited for a social violation in the prior two semesters on campus will be judged to be in good social standing.

What if a student is ill or withdraws for a personal reason?

The Sewanee Pledge covers 4 consecutive years.

How many minors can I have?

While many students graduate in four years with one or more minors, the four-year graduation component of the Sewanee Pledge does not guarantee a minor in addition to a major. It only covers one major.

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