



## Artists, Scholars, Scientists, & Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow (ASSET) APPLICATION PROCESS

### Eligibility

Students who meet the following conditions will receive an invitation to apply for ASSET:

1. Sophomores, juniors, or seniors who are planning on a fifth year
2. Must have a GPA of 3.3 or higher

All faculty will receive a list of students who are receiving the invitation and may nominate students and/or encourage students to apply. Faculty nomination is NOT required but it certainly does not hurt an application!

### Process

The ASSET selection committee, composed of a faculty member from each of the four academic areas of the college, as well as the Vovis Center director, will review the applications and select participants.

Selection is based on the:

- Quality of the application in terms of the written project proposal and personal statement
- Project feasibility, in terms of potential to be completed within a 10-week summer timeline
- Preparedness of the student to pursue independent research/creative work in terms of academic potential and experience
- Student's motivation and rationale for pursuing desired career path (ie how well the student explains why they wish to pursue their desired career)
- Constraints of the funding sources

Selected students will be notified by the end of the fall term.

**The application is due on October 29, 2023.**

### A completed application includes:

1. **A 2-3 page project proposal** outlining the primary objectives and significance of your proposed project, potential methods or strategies that will be used, and your anticipated timeline for each of those phases.
  - Projects may include preparatory research for Honors or Senior Research (such as extended literature reviews), experimental studies (must take necessary steps to obtain IRB/IACUC approval prior to summer if working with human subjects or animals), theoretically informed creative endeavors, etc.
2. **A 1 page personal statement** that clarifies what experiences have prepared you for your proposed project, your future career aspirations (including graduate or professional school, if relevant), and why you want to be a part of the [ASSET program](#).
3. **A letter of support** from a faculty mentor outlining your preparedness to take on your proposed project and demonstrating their support to mentor you through it.
  - This mentor should be the person who you will work with during your summer research experience.
  - The letter of support should be emailed by the faculty mentor directly to Sandy Jones (see below) by the deadline.

### Submitting your application

Items 1 and 2 will be submitted within the online [ASSET application](#). The letter of support (item 3) should be emailed directly to Sandy Jones ([sljones@knox.edu](mailto:sljones@knox.edu)) prior to the due date.