The Program for Advancing in Scholarship and Service (PASS) is a selective first-year academic learning community for Arts and Sciences students who have a shared interest in the academic, cultural, career, and community benefits of diversity. PASS uniquely links you with your academic advisor, faculty, community, and peers in ways that ensure academic success and engagement. PASS offers you all the benefits of a small college experience—personalized guidance and support—with the kinds of great opportunities available only at a large university.

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PASS has partnered with University Residences and Dining Services to form the TRIO Collaboration. Together, we encourage student involvement in two learning communities, offering you the opportunity to make the world your classroom.

MUNDO Learning Community is a unique community of students, staff, and faculty committed to understanding and taking actions that create a more fair and just world for all individuals and regions. MUNDO provides opportunities for you to achieve both academic success and strong cross-cultural awareness of the world.

African-American Learning Community is founded upon the principles of leadership, community, and academic excellence. With assistance from the College of Arts and Sciences Recruitment and Diversity Services, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, and University Residences and Dining Services, this community provides a balanced experience for you to strengthen your academic potential and achieve a sense of connectedness to Ohio State and its many communities on campus. Located in Morrill Tower, the program is designed for any student regardless of race, ethnicity, or gender.

Eligibility

You must be active in the Program for Advancing in Scholarship and Service (PASS) or PASS Beyond. Academic achievement and financial need may be considered, and recipients agree to make two presentations about their travel to approved groups upon their return. For more information about the Roth Family Endowment, please visit discoverasc@osu.edu.

Rising Star Award

To support programs in Recruitment and Diversity Services, the Office of the Executive Dean offers the Rising Star Award for selected undergraduate students. Rising Star Awards are $500 one-time awards; up to 10 students are selected each year for the award.

Eligibility

You must be completing your first year of undergraduate enrollment, have an excellent academic record, and have participated actively in Recruitment and Diversity Services programs or other campus programs in support of scholastic achievement and active campus involvement. For more information about the Rising Star Award, please visit discoverasc@osu.edu.

Roth Family Endowment—International Travel Grant

To encourage the international travel of undergraduate Arts and Sciences students who are active in Recruitment and Diversity Services programs, Roth Family Endowment Grants are awarded on a competitive basis, with preference given to students who have not previously traveled abroad.

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The Ohio State University
PASS Early Arrival

The PASS Early Arrival program gives incoming PASS students a jumpstart to their Ohio State community. As a participant, you’ll be able to move onto campus before the rest of the campus community. Recruitment and Diversity Services pays your housing and most of your food expenses for the weekend; PASS Early Arrival is offered at no cost to you.

During Early Arrival, you’ll not only have the opportunity to begin building relationships with Arts and Sciences staff, you’ll also start building lifelong friendships with your peers. The weekend’s events include a community service project, community building activities, and opportunities to learn more about what to expect during your first semester at Ohio State.

PASS Beyond

After the completion of your first year at Ohio State, PASS students automatically move into the PASS Beyond program. PASS Beyond is an alumni group that brings PASS scholars from previous years together. This student-centered organization helps you maintain the relationships you built as a PASS student.

PASS Keys for Success

As a PASS scholar, through engagement in five key areas, you will learn about the value of diversity to your undergraduate experience, its relevance to your academic success and career, and its impact on your community and the world beyond.

Academic Support
PASS offers you opportunities to benefit from the knowledge of Ohio State faculty through engagement in learning and critical intellectual pursuit, both inside and outside the classroom. PASS weekly meetings provide the context for dialogues centered around current affairs.

Career
We work with you to strategically link and translate the experiences, skills, and knowledge you receive at the university to the graduate, professional, and work world beyond Ohio State. Through workshops, career development initiatives, and internships, PASS assists you to effectively prepare yourself for your future.

Community
PASS seeks to build community—engaging students, staff, faculty, and others in a mutually supportive and challenging collaboration through which friendships are formed, mentoring relationships are developed, leaders emerge, and lives are positively influenced.

Service
PASS helps you translate scholarship, skills, and knowledge to the larger community—the fundamental charter of a land-grant institution and the mark of good citizenship. We offer several opportunities throughout the academic year for you to give back to your community.

Leadership
Great leaders aren’t born—they’re made, and Recruitment and Diversity Services takes an active role in helping create these leaders of the future. We accomplish this through sponsoring training and leadership workshops for those who want to take a more active role in the world around them.

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—Kim Brooks, Ypsilanti, MI

PASS has been such an integral part of my undergraduate career at Ohio State. I was able to join the organization my freshman year, and I am still involved with it my senior year. This is what makes PASS so great. I am so thankful to have the opportunity to be involved with such an awesome organization and am appreciative of the experiences PASS has offered me.

—Caitlin Truxs, City, State

PASS was important to me because it gave me a family and a support system that turned out to be the foundation for all that I have accomplished and hope to accomplish here at Ohio State. I will always be grateful to this organization for the lessons I learned and the experiences I had.

—Varun Rawal, City, State

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—Sky Dominguez, City, State

PASS has been the driving force behind my success at Ohio State. From additional academic advisement and priority scheduling to enriching modules about important topics/issues, PASS has allowed me to experience many of the benefits that Ohio State has to offer. The service learning projects throughout Columbus have also allowed me to learn about and give back to my community as well as form close bonds with fellow PASS scholars who have become some of my closest friends. To me, PASS is a never-ending ‘pay it forward’ program that only enriches my life.

—Seleena Moore, Dover, DE

To Apply to PASS...

Students must currently be admitted to the College of Arts and Sciences as new first-year students for autumn semester (Columbus campus).

To apply, fill out application and write statement and submit by the deadline.

PASS benefits

- Priority scheduling. Schedule classes before many other freshmen.
- Academic trips locally, nationally, and abroad. Travel to places such as Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, and London.
- Competitive application. Join other great scholars in an exclusive organization.
- Specialized introductory course. An enhanced College Survey course will help you plan a successful Ohio State experience.
- Peer leaders. Meet with scholars who serve as positive peer role models.
- Community building. Connect with other students who share similar interests.

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