The Program for Advancing 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 links you with your 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—within the kinds of great opportunities available only at a large university.

MUNDO Learning Community

MUNDO is a Residential Learning Program and student organization for Ohio State students interested in learning more about how to integrate community engagement, experiential learning and residential leadership into their college experience. By learning how to make a difference in local, national and international communities, this unique community of students, staff and faculty explore how to create a fairer and more just world for everyone. MUNDO provides opportunities for you to achieve both academic success and strong cross-cultural awareness. Acceptance into PASS grants automatic MUNDO membership.

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.

Eligibility

Applicants should be active in 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 contact welcome2asc@osu.edu.

Rising Star Award

The Rising Star Award is a one-time award of $500 given to ten deserving applicants annually. The selection committee has the discretion to bestow more or fewer awards, in greater or lesser amounts, depending on the pool of applicants. Students are eligible to receive the Rising Star Award only once, with new students selected each year.

Eligibility

Applicants must be completing their 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 campus involvement. For more information about the Rising Star Award, please contact welcome2asc@osu.edu.

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PASS comes through for you when you don't even know you need help. PASS has been, is, and always will be awesome. PASS has impacted me in so many unpredictable ways. PASS fostered my love for diversity and placed me in a community with like-minded students. I consider PASS as my “home-base” and every day I am able to go out into the Ohio State (and Columbus) community and make a difference knowing that I have the support and encouragement of my PASS family.

— Brianna VanNoy

PASS Early Arrival

The PASS Early Arrival program gives incoming PASS students a jump-start to their Ohio State experience. As a participant, you’ll be able to move on to 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.

Peer Leadership Program

Peer leaders are second- or third-year PASS scholars who serve as positive role models for first-year students. Peer leadership will engage and support you in academic achievement, co-curricular involvement and leadership. This unique team of peers and professionals provides you the opportunity to enrich your Ohio State experience in a supportive environment.

PASS Beyond

After the completion of your first year at Ohio State, PASS students automatically move into 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 and others in a mutually supportive and challenging collaboration through which friendships are forged, mentoring relationships are developed, leaders emerge and lives are positively influenced.

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 staff 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.

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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 by sponsoring training and leadership workshops for those who want to take a more active role in the world around them.

PASS has been, is and always will be PASS Keys for Success.

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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

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).