

Who Will Be Newcomb Scholars?

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Four weeks into the semester and with first exams ahead, students are busy focusing on the semester's challenges. First-year women students have a new and broader opportunity to think about ? the Newcomb Scholars program ? that could expand their learning over the next four years.



First-year female students are welcome to apply for the Newcomb Scholars program, new this year. The deadline for applications is Sept. 30. (Photo by Sally Asher)

New this year, Newcomb Scholars is a four-year program open only to first-year women. Beginning in the spring of the first year, the scholars will participate in a seminar class each year, which prepare them for an in-depth research project during their senior year.

Applications for the [program](#) are due on Sept. 30 at 4 p.m. in the Newcomb College Institute.

Charlotte Maheu, assistant director of the [Newcomb College Institute](#), says that the

program is a "structured and supportive environment for undergraduate women to participate in independent research, benefit from faculty mentoring and develop the skills to become leaders in their field."

The program is designed to provide undergraduate women with opportunities that are more typical of a graduate-level experience. She adds and that it will "enhance the intellectual experience of a select group of college women in a unique way."

One of the benefits of the program is that it will bring together students and professors from various disciplines who normally wouldn't interact in an intellectual setting. Maheu says that interest in the program has been high.

"It's tapping into an area of intellectual and scholastic interest of undergraduate women ? it's not a surprise that incoming women are seeking this kind of intellectual engagement," she says.

For more information, e-mail [Maheu](#).

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