What is the NDIAS Ethics Research Fellowship Program?

The Ethics Research Fellowship (ERF) Program provides training for up to 10 Notre Dame second-year undergraduates who are passionate about research for the common good. ERFs develop their research and communication skills and expand their scholarly and professional networks—all within the interdisciplinary community of the NDIAS.

Why apply for an Ethics Research Fellowship?

RESEARCH PROJECT DEVELOPMENT
- Weekly seminars for research training, professional development, and thesis writing
- A funded fall break research-vision trip to London, UK, engaging an ethics theme
- Second-semester research assistantships with ND faculty

ETHICS RESEARCH TRAINING
- Instruction in developing a critical ethical component to a research project
- Workshops on understanding and applying ethical theory to moral issues
- Collaborative ethics research projects spanning across the disciplines

NETWORKING AND MENTORSHIP
- Close interaction with a wide variety of ND faculty, staff, and NDIAS fellows
- Access to NDIAS events including film discussions, seminars, and guest lectures
- Application preparation support for research grants, fellowships, jobs, and internships

These fellowships include a stipend of $1,100 in second semester.

Questions? Contact Jeff Tolly at jtolly@nd.edu.

Who Is Eligible?

- The program is open to all ND rising sophomores majoring in a field that places a strong emphasis on critically engaging ethics, meaning, and the common good—fields like philosophy, theology, political science, sociology, economics, psychology, history, literature, anthropology, and art.
- ERFs should be able to devote 6 hours per week to institute activities (which includes a Friday afternoon seminar).

How Do I Apply?

- To apply, fill out the application form at ndias.nd.edu/undergraduates.