

Fall 2026 Honors Experiential Learning Proposal

Deadline: April 15, 2026

Name: _____ Email: _____@tntech.edu T#: _____

Major: _____ Minors: _____ Expected graduation term: _____

Name of supervising professor: _____ Dept. _____

I. Complete the section relevant to your proposal.

Internships or Related Field Work *Please note: Co-ops are ineligible for experiential learning credit.

Eligibility: Competitive programs requiring advanced levels of judgment and skills related to your career goals (not including those with mainly clerical components). If responsibilities are unspecified due to confidentiality agreements, your department must verify the level of complexity and have supervising capability to assess the student's work.

Check all that apply.

The internship is highly competitive and is awarded based on outstanding qualifications; see documentation.

The internship requires an advanced level of judgment and skill related to my career; see proposal description.

Research

Eligibility: REU, NIH, ORNL, or other competitive summer research programs; faculty-mentored research such as URECA in which the student's responsibilities are challenging.

I have been accepted by a competitive research program and have provided details in the proposal description.

I am involved in a sustained major-related research project supervised by a Tech faculty mentor.

Study Abroad

Eligibility: Semester or year-long programs; selective summer intensive programs may be considered with documentation of honors-level academic requirements. For service abroad, see Civic Engagement criteria below.

Check all that apply.

I will be taking at least one course at a university abroad in an advanced topic in my major.

I will be conducting research in my major.

I will be participating in the State Department's Critical Languages Program.

I will be participating in a program requiring full immersion in a language other than English or my native language.

A 300-word reflection describing the value of your experience abroad must be submitted to the Honors Office by the beginning of the semester following your return.

Civic Engagement or Service Leadership

Eligibility: Innovative leadership in service requiring substantial judgment and professional standards, can be a formal position or a need-based, proactive project design. Sustainability and evidence of stakeholder engagement preferred.

Schedule a meeting with Mrs. White to complete this proposal.

II. Checklist: Check off each item below after you finish it to verify your completion. The proposal must be typed and include items A through D.

A. Description of the project (150-300 words), including the name(s) of any affiliated organization/institution, duration, approximate working hours per week (if an internship), primary research contact (if research), a clear explanation of what you will be doing, and other details that demonstrate how this activity is honors-level work.

B. Evaluation plan (to be completed by the Faculty Supervisor): How will the project be evaluated (benchmarks, reports, documentation, communication requirements)? Include specific grading criteria.

C. Documentation of acceptance to/pending application to a program, affiliation with an organization, terms of an internship, or other formal evidence of the experiential learning activity in which you plan to participate. If you're waiting to hear, then include the expected notification date so you can get your proposal moving in time!

D. If a Tech course already exists for non-Honors sections of this activity (e.g., Internship, Research Experience) and you would normally enroll for that course, please fill out the course information below. Don't delay if you are not sure; we can help you with this after proposal submission.

Department _____ Course Title _____ Instructor _____

Course and Section # _____ CRN # _____ Credit Hours _____

III. Student confirmation: I verify that my proposal accurately represents the Experiential Learning activity that I intend to undertake. Changes in the proposed plan must be approved by the signatories below. By signing my full name below, I agree to fulfill the proposal according to the terms and grading criteria in the attached description.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

IV. Faculty Supervisor's confirmation: By signing my full name and title below, I agree to supervise the work detailed in this Honors Experiential Learning proposal. I have specified criteria for grading in the project description and will communicate any proposed changes in the plan. At the end of the semester, I will send comments on the student's work to the Honors Office for the student's portfolio.

Faculty Member's Signature: _____ Date: _____

V. Additional Signatures Required:

Department Chair's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Honors Director's Signature: _____ Date: _____

The student is responsible for submitting the completed proposal to Honors@ntech.edu or to the Honors Office by April 15, 2026.