

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY | SLHS SCHOLARS PROGRAM 2024-25 Frequently Asked Questions

Does the SLHS Scholars Program offer guaranteed admission into the SLHS Graduate Program?

Yes. Students who successfully complete the SLHS Scholars Program's requirements and maintain the required GPA for the duration of their undergraduate studies, as well as complete the required coursework, will be guaranteed placement in the SLHS Graduate Program where students will work toward the degree of Master of Science in Speech, Language & Hearing Sciences.

Does the SLHS Scholars Program shorten the length of time I will spend in school?

No. When a SLHS Scholar obtains admission to SLU's SLHS Program, that admission is labeled as "contingent" upon successful completion of the undergraduate SLHS Program in which they enrolled. We believe that a traditional, full-length course of undergraduate study remains one of the best preparations for success.

Can I wait and become a SLHS Scholar once I am a current SLU student?

No. This program is only for freshmen declared majors. At this time, only 10-15 students will be accepted into the SLHS Scholars Program.

What if I change my major or decide that I do not want to continue on to the SLHS Graduate Program?

Students cannot continue on as a SLHS Scholar if they choose to pursue another major. There is no penalty for withdrawing from the program, but applying to become a SLHS Scholar is an opportunity you only have as an incoming freshman. If you withdraw from the SLHS Scholars Program and wish to continue to the SLHS Graduate Program, you will have to apply through the traditional application process with no guarantee of admittance to SLU's SLHS Graduate Program.

What are the requirements to remain a SLHS Scholar?

Once accepted as a SLHS Scholar, students are expected to maintain full-time enrollment at SLU and meet the following requirements:

1. Maintain a 3.5 Cumulative GPA through completion of their bachelor's degree
2. Obtain a "B" or higher in all CSD/SLHS courses
3. Enroll in SLHS 4600 or 4900 as an advanced course senior year
4. Enroll in SLHS 4700 during spring of senior year
5. Obtain at least 15 clinical clock hours and 25 observation hours

Can I study abroad as a SLHS Scholar?

Yes. SLHS Scholars are encouraged to study abroad. SLHS Scholars will work with their undergraduate academic advisor to determine a time that is most optimal for studying abroad. Traditionally, SLHS majors study abroad in the spring of their sophomore year or fall of their junior year. The curriculum is set up to allow students the opportunity to study abroad during those semesters.

What benefits do SLHS Scholar enjoy?

SLHS Scholars will have reserved seats in senior level electives SLHS 4600, 4700, and 4900, and the opportunity to obtain at least 15 clinical clock hours, which will be counted toward graduate credit. SLHS Scholars who complete this program will be directly admitted to SLU's SLHS Graduate Program and will not be required to take the GRE or apply to other University programs.