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Team—

We're fielding the same few questions. Here are some general statements about Summer 2021 for rising sophomores and juniors:

1. Last year's blanket payment was a one-time-only strategy. We will not enact that this year. No one needs to be worried about how they heard last summer was confusing.
2. Scholars will be allowed to apply for the funding they need. Do not get into specific questions about how much we'll cover for specific items—we're not ready to answer that.
3. Scholars will be able to live together and do different sorts of things, which is always the way our funding has worked. We funded many Scholars last summer who lived together and worked remotely on different projects. UNC Scholars will be able to live with each other, and potentially Duke and UNC Scholars, unless Duke says "no." I'll know that this week.
4. We are aware that Scholars are concerned about being about to use Summer 2021 funding at a different time. (Only two applied to use some of it this winter.) I've explained to Scholars that we needed Duke's mandate before moving forward with our own policies. . . .
5. As we've been telling them, Scholars should focus on remote and local opportunities. Some are simply not interested in staying in NC, so they'll have extra steps to follow. They've been given this information.
6. We will let Scholars know as soon as possible when we have new guidelines for them.

I was telling Leah—every Scholar needs individual assurance about Summer. That's nothing new. This year, though our staff has less capacity to attend every time the same questions are asked, so the best thing we can do is assure them we're working on it and we'll do everything we can to facilitate excellent opportunities. They will all be fine. (I hate it when people tell me to be patient, but that's what we're saying!)

For the First-years, I'm ascertaining who has made what kinds of plans and what their expectations are. We will insist that there's some aspect of service, regardless of the Scholar's location. . . . We'll fund this class the way we fund other classes—they'll apply for what they need. Scholars who are living at home and working remotely, and don't have Summer-related expenses, may receive minimal funding. I will work closely with each Scholar to be sure he/she/they understands the great potential in this first summer.

As we did last year, all Scholars receiving funding will be expected to participate in our as-yet-to-be-determined Summer Programming. I will be very glad when I have the chance to create this.

Yay team!

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