Lilly Scholars at Purdue Program Outline – Cohort #1

The Lilly Scholars program is designed to support students with an interest in pharmaceutical manufacturing and related careers. In addition to a full-tuition scholarship, the program provides participating students with relevant coursework, mentoring, networking opportunities, internships and other forms of experiential education.

The Lilly Scholar experience begins with a unifying professional development course (ENGR 103 [Section 025] – “Pharma Careers for Lilly Scholars”). Scholars should plan to take this course during the Fall 2023 semester. (If an unavoidable conflict exists, the student may delay the course to Fall 2024). “Pharma Careers for Lilly Scholars” ENGR 103025 is an initial step in the Certificate in Pharmaceutical Manufacturing, a credential Lilly Scholars are encouraged to pursue in order to explore and prepare for pharmaceutical manufacturing experiences and careers.

A central feature of the Lilly Scholars program at Purdue is the guaranteed paid internship. The internship will be full-time, semester long during the fall or spring of the sophomore year. This internship is intended to provide a positive, enriching experience for students in the field of pharmaceutical manufacturing. The internship experience will heighten the students’ knowledge of pharmaceutical manufacturing careers including engineering, science, research and development, and supply chain management.

Students will be on the front lines of Lilly’s life-changing work where innovation comes to life by developing new therapies and manufacturing our existing medications through problem solving, productivity improvements, capital project management and more. Students will experience how these careers are essential in ensuring the high-quality production of life-changing medicine and devices for patients.

Lilly interns will receive a housing stipend to facilitate working in Indianapolis or nearby locations. The internship is an integral piece of the overall Lilly Scholars program. When necessary, Lilly will strive to be flexible with timing and assignment area. Requests for flexibility around the timing of the internship will be managed through collaboration of OPP, academic advisors and the Lilly Scholars Program Manager.