



## 2023-24 Kinder Institute Democracy Lab

### *Priority Admission & Scholarship Application Announcement*

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Founded in 2019 as a joint project of Mizzou's Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, College of Arts & Science, and Department of Residential Life, the Kinder Institute Democracy Lab, formerly the Kinder Institute Residential College, provides up to 40 incoming MU students who share a passion for studying and discussing the global history of democracy with the opportunity to pursue this interest as a cohort during their first year on campus.

Democracy Lab participants live together and co-enroll in fall and spring classes that explore the ideas and events that shaped the United States' development from the Revolution, through the Civil War, and beyond. These classes can be applied toward the B.A. in Constitutional Democracy and, for non-majors, toward requirements for A&S Foundations or MU's History and Political Science degrees.

The program is open to first-year students of any major, and signing up is easy as choosing "Kinder Institute Democracy Lab" on Res Life's online housing preference form.

The Kinder Institute is also excited to be able to offer participants the possibility of applying for three separate scholarships: the need-based Morgan Scholarship and merit-based Atterbury Scholarship, both restricted to Missouri residents, and the general Kinder Scholarship. Applying is a simple, three-step process:

- Set up a profile on Mizzou's central Scholarship Universe platform (tips for doing that can be found on the MU Office of Financial Aid website);
- Identify the scholarships using "Kinder Institute" as a search term;
- To be matched with the scholarship, you will need to answer "Yes" to the question regarding selecting Kinder Institute Democracy Lab on Mizzou's online housing preference form AND/OR answer "Constitutional Democracy" to the question regarding your intended major;
- Complete the brief questionnaire embedded in the application portal and upload a single PDF with your academic CV and the two essay responses required of all applicants. Scholarship Universe will provide a link to instructions for the academic CV and the two essay prompts, but these can also be found on page two of this announcement, along with full eligibility criteria.

**NOTE:** While residence in the dorm associated with the program is a condition of receiving a first-year scholarship, students can apply *before* completing the online housing preference form. Additionally, we will absolutely consider applications on a case-by-case basis from students unable to live in the program's residence hall, so don't hesitate to apply if that's the case.

Scholarships **open on September 1, 2022** with a **deadline of February 1, 2023**  
Applications received by **December 15, 2022** will be notified of award status by the end of January

Any questions can be directed to Kinder Institute Director of Undergraduate Studies, Dr. Thomas Kane,  
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In addition to completing the questionnaire embedded in the Scholarship Universe application portal, students applying for a scholarship associated with the Kinder Institute Democracy Lab must upload a single PDF document (other formats cannot be uploaded through Scholarship Universe) with the following two components:

I. *Academic CV*: Provide a record of your high school accomplishments, making sure, at a minimum, to include GPA; ACT and/or SAT scores; AP, IB, and/or dual-credit classes completed or currently enrolled in (with scores where available); awards received; clubs participated in; and work and/or volunteer experience.

II. *Essay Questions*: Please respond to **both** of the following two questions in 300-500 words **each**

- What does civic education mean to you and what are the obstacles that you think it faces in the 21st century?
- Of the Constitutional Democracy BA's four concentration areas—U.S. and the World, Politics and Policy, Law and Institutions, and Social and Political Thought—which would you choose and why?

### **ELIGIBILITY STATEMENT**

Eligibility criteria for all three scholarships associated with the Kinder Institute Democracy Lab—the Kinder, Morgan, and Atterbury Scholarships—are as follows:

- Completion of both required application steps (questionnaire and document upload) through Scholarship Universe
- Residence in the dorm associated with the program by selecting “Kinder Institute Democracy Lab” on Mizzou’s online housing preference form\*
- Enrollment in all Fall 2023 courses associated with the Democracy Lab (the Kinder Institute will work with students’ academic advisors to ensure that they are enrolled in the classes prior to Summer Welcome).

Additionally, acceptance into MU’s Honors College is a pre-requisite for receiving an Atterbury Scholarship and demonstrated financial need, as determined by MU’s Office of Financial Aid, is a pre-requisite for receiving a Morgan Scholarship.

Scholarships will be disbursed after the Kinder Institute receives confirmation that all eligibility criteria have been met.

\* Students can apply for a scholarship prior to completing the online housing preference form, and the scholarship selection committee will consider applications on a case-by-case basis from students unable to live in the dorm with other Democracy Lab participants.