

## 2025-26 KINDER INSTITUTE DEMOCRACY LAB SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Kinder Institute is excited to offer all participants in our Democracy Lab FIG the opportunity to apply for one of three scholarships: the need-based Morgan Scholarship, merit-based Atterbury Scholarship, or general Kinder Scholarship. Applying is a simple, three-step process that runs through Mizzou's central Scholarship Universe platform (note: completing one application makes you eligible for all three scholarships).

Step 1. Set up a profile on Scholarship Universe (tips for doing that can be found on the MU Office of Financial Aid website) and identify the KIDL scholarships using "Kinder Institute" as a search term.

Step 2. To be matched with the scholarship, you will first need to answer "Yes" to the question regarding having selected/intending to select Kinder Institute Democracy Lab on Slate's admissions preference form.\* For record keeping purposes, you will also be asked whether you are pursuing/plan to pursue the Constitutional Democracy BA, which is not required of Democracy Lab FIG participants, though certainly welcome.

Step 3. Upload the two application components detailed below **as a single PDF** through Scholarship Universe.

I. *Academic CV*: Provide a record of your high school accomplishments, making sure, when applicable, to include such things as GPA; ACT and/or SAT scores; AP, IB, and/or dual-credit classes taken; awards received; clubs participated in; and work and/or volunteer experience.

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

- What does civic education mean to you and what are the obstacles that 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 and TERMS**

—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. Students who fall into neither category are still eligible for a Kinder Scholarship.

—Scholarships will be disbursed in two, equal installments prior to the beginning of the Fall 2025 and Spring 2026 semesters. Recipients must be enrolled in the core seminars associated with the Democracy Lab, as well as the one-credit hour, KIDL-specific classes in the fall, to receive their scholarships.

The core seminars are GN\_HON 2245H: Revolutions (fall) and GN\_HON 2246H: Constitutions (spring) for Honors students. For non-Honors students, the core seminars are CNST\_DEM 2450: Intellectual World of the American Founders (fall, cross-listed with Political Science) and CNST\_DEM 2100: Revolutionary Transformation of Early America (spring, cross-listed with History).

**Early KIDL Scholarship Deadline: December 1, 2024 (late-December notification)**

**Regular KIDL Scholarship Deadline: January 15, 2025 (early-February notification)**

Any questions can be directed to Dr. Thomas Kane, [KaneTC@missouri.edu](mailto:KaneTC@missouri.edu)

\*NOTE: All scholarship recipients are required to be part of the Democracy Lab FIG. In order to ensure that your spot in the FIG is secure, we encourage all applicants to choose Kinder Institute Democracy Lab on MU's admissions preference form in Slate by January 15, at the latest, and to meet any subsequent admissions-related deadlines (e.g., enrollment deposit, housing form) in a timely manner.