WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE YATES FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM?

Students whose parents did not graduate from a four-year college or university are invited to apply for this program. If you have a brother or sister in college, that's fine – first generation is determined by your parents' level of education.

WHAT IS THE COST TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM?

There is no fee for the program. **For this period only**, housing, meals, books and other expenses for the program are covered by Illinois College.

WHEN WOULD I NEED TO ARRIVE ON CAMPUS?

The first week will be held virtually from Sunday, Aug 13, to Thursday, Aug 17. Friday, Aug 18, is move-in day.

DO I HAVE TO ATTEND THE ENTIRE PROGRAM?

All students must commit to attending the entire summer program. During this time, all students will live in the residence halls and will not return home.

DO I HAVE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE YATES FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR IF I ENROLL IN THE SUMMER PROGRAM?

Students must participate in the entirety of the Yates program: the summer program and the First-Year Seminar during the academic year (IS130).

WILL THERE BE OTHER STUDENTS ON CAMPUS?

In addition to the Yates fellows, pre-season sports teams begin arriving on campus, as do connections leaders and residence hall staff.

ARE STUDENTS WHO WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN A FALL SPORTS PROGRAM ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

First and foremost, we want Illinois College students to be successful in the classroom. Coaches of pre-season sports are committed to helping students be successful in the classroom and will encourage pre-season athletes to participate in this program fully. Yates fellows will participate less in preseason camps. You are encouraged to discuss this with your coach as soon as possible.

WHAT MIGHT A TYPICAL DAY LOOK LIKE?

Your days will be full! You will be in classes, work in small groups and participate in a wide variety of fun activities. During the evenings, there will be time to work on your assignments, but you will also find time for such things as movies and chats with program mentors and professors.

WILL I BE GRADED ON ANYTHING?

Grades may be used to help you measure your progress during the summer program, but grades will not become part of your GPA. Once the semester begins and you enroll in IS130, you will be graded and your transcripts will reflect your work in this course.

WHERE WILL WE EAT?

We eat all meals together. You'll have a chance to get comfortable with Cummings Dining Hall and how our food service operates ahead of everyone else, and we'll enjoy a couple meals out on the town to get familiar with Jacksonville, as well!

WHAT'S THE ROOMMATE SITUATION?

Yates fellows live in Ellis Hall, but do not typically share a room. Your roommate will be assigned through the regular housing assignment process. If your roommate participates in a fall sport, it is possible that they may be moving into campus housing early, too.

WHAT WILL I DO AT NIGHT? ON THE WEEKEND?

We realize that part of a successful transition to college means making good friends and developing social networks. Evening and weekend activities have been planned to help you form a strong support network. You won't be bored!

CAN MY PARENTS VISIT?

We love parents – but we also want you to have some time to establish yourself as a college student. Parents enjoy lunch on move-in day then promptly leave so we can get started on the in-person programming.

WILL I BE ABLE TO USE MY CELL PHONE?

Absolutely – but not during class time. There is a time and place to use cell phones, but during class is not one of them.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, March 1 :: Applications Open (Priority date to guarantee enrollment in the first-year class -- $200 fee due)

Thursday, June 1 :: Deadline Application Date for the Yates Program

Sunday, August 13 :: Online Program Begins

Friday, August 18 :: Move-in Day

Sunday, August 13, to Wednesday, August 23 :: Yates Fellowship Summer Program

Wednesday, August 23 :: Yates Celebration Dinner

Thursday, August 24 :: Welcome Week Begins