The University of Kansas offers automatic four-year renewable scholarships to prospective freshmen. The core of KU’s scholarship program is this transparent scholarship matrix found at affordability.ku.edu.

Financial Aid & Scholarships (FAS) funds the first two years of KU’s four-year renewable scholarships, and generally the student’s School/College/Academic Department will fund the final two years of the four-year renewable scholarship. For more details, please refer to the Scholarship Guiding Principles & Timeline for the Rising Student Scholarship Initiative, also available for download in the Scholarship Datamart.

What is this Scholarship Datamart RSS report used for?

This report will provide scholarship coordinators, department chairs, deans and directors with a list of students that the unit is responsible for funding in a given academic year. The data is dynamic and will change nightly as applicable (e.g. a student officially changes majors.)

What are the steps to retrieving the information?

Log into DEMIS by visiting: https://demisweb2.ku.edu/Portal or by going to http://oirp.ku.edu/ and clicking DEMIS from the Quick Links on the right. In the Scholarship Datamart tab, select the Rising Student Scholarship Initiative report in the Rising Student Reports box.

1. Select the Business Unit you wish to work on and hit Apply, e.g. Liberal Arts & Sciences
2. Select the Department you wish to work on and hit Apply, e.g. Economics
3. Click View Report
You are now presented with a report for each academic year in the future that has available student data. Each academic year will have two rows, one for FAS and one for the department. For example, for 2016-17, there will be a row where FAS is the Business Unit and Department and a row where CLAS is the Business Unit and Economics is the Department. Drilling down on the FAS row will show the user which students are being funded by FAS in 2016-17 (first and second year students). Drilling down on the Economics row will show the user which students need to be funded by Economics in 2016-17 (third and fourth year students.)

1. Click on the department’s row for the given year.
2. The drilldown will provide student level data on scholarship recipients that need to be funded by the department. The drilldown will include the scholarship name and amount, whether the student is in his or her third or fourth year of scholarship support, GPA, hours enrolled, email address, major(s) and expected graduation term, if the student has applied for graduation. The FA Cohort column indicates what year the student began at KU, e.g. FA13 means the student started in Fall 2013. The
3. Right click the table and hit “export table” from the pop-up menu. This will allow you to export the list to Excel.
What do I do with this information once I have downloaded it?

Please follow the timeline and action steps listed in the Scholarship Guiding Principles & Timeline document. Units will work directly with Gail Sherron, FAS Associate Director, to report which specific scholarship fund item types they will use to fund the third and fourth year students on their list.

How does the Scholarship Datamart know which list a student should show up on?

At the highest level, the Datamart knows that students are to be included in these lists because of a scholarship student group put on the student’s account. For example, a student receiving a Chancellor’s scholarship for $5,000 per year has a code of CHAN that indicates the student is part of the RSS initiative.

The Datamart then looks to see what year a student began at KU so that it can correctly place the student as a first, second, third or fourth year. This year designation is what will place the student either on the FAS list or the academic unit’s list of funding responsibility.

Finally, the Datamart finds the student’s currently declared major and uses that to place the student with the proper academic unit.

What about students who are double majoring?

Some students have multiple majors and those majors reside in different schools or the College. For example, a student might have declared majors in both CLAS and Journalism. The Datamart uses the following hierarchy to decide which unit a student gets assigned to.

1. School of Engineering
2. School of Business
3. School of Journalism & Mass Communications
4. School of Architecture, Design & Planning
5. School of Pharmacy
6. School of Music
7. School of Education
8. School of Social Welfare
9. School of the Arts
10. College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

If a student has multiple majors within a particular school or the College, then the most recently declared major will be used. For example, if a student is double majoring in Economics and Political Science and Economics was the most recently declared major, the student will show up on the Economics list.

What about “pre” or undecided majors?

If students are still listed as undecided in years 3 and 4, they will be found on the list with CLAS as the Business Unit and CLAS as the Department. If students in the third or fourth year have only one major and it is a “pre” major, they will be found on the list with CLAS as the Business Unit and CLAS as the Department.

Students who have both a “pre” major and another major (e.g. pre-medicine and biology) will always be on the list for the academic department (biology.)

What about students who change their majors?

When a student has officially declared a new major, the report will then put him or her on the list for that new academic unit. The list is dynamic and will change based on major changes. You can and should review your list regularly as you are making funding decisions.
When should I be reviewing my list?

Please be reviewing your list early in the calendar year so that you can fund your rising student scholars as well as other recruitment initiatives, research scholarships and study abroad awards. It would be a best practice to plan to fund everyone on the list as of April 1.

When is the list “final?”

FAS will review renewal criteria on all scholarship recipients in late May and early June after spring grades are posted. If a student does not meet renewal criteria, he or she will no longer show up on your list. Student majors can also shift. The list is dynamic and fluid for these reasons.

Please plan to review your list one last time in early June. At that time, work with Gail Sherron in early June to ensure you are funding all the students still on your list after spring grades are posted.

What if I don’t think my list is correct?

If you believe a student is on your list in error or a student is missing, please contact Gail Sherron to troubleshoot.