

IMMERSION VANDERBILT

Follow your curiosity.
Discover your passion.
Learn by experience.

At Vanderbilt, we know there are multiple ways of learning that resonate with each student. **Immersion Vanderbilt**, our commitment to experiential learning beyond the classroom, embodies this ethos by **offering undergraduates once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for self-discovery, rigorous inquiry and innovation** that expand their critical and creative skills and help position them for post-graduation success.

HOW IMMERSION VANDERBILT WORKS

Immersion Vanderbilt, an undergraduate requirement, is executed in two parts—the learning experience and the culminating project—with deep mentorship and support from a faculty adviser throughout. Immersion Vanderbilt projects can take many forms within the six pathways:

- Civic and Community Engagement
- Innovation, Arts and Design
- Internships
- Leadership and Professional Development
- Research
- Study Abroad

Recent projects include:

- A student in the College of Arts and Science collaborated with select Metro Nashville Public Schools to implement a program that uses hip-hop music to educate elementary school students about important health topics.
- A student-athlete majoring in economics used data collection and analysis to create models that optimize successful athletic performance during competition.
- A mathematics and biochemistry major worked on an immersive research project at the Vanderbilt Institute of Nanoscale Science and Engineering aimed at fabricating solar cells quickly and cheaply for use in school labs to teach students about renewable energy sources.



BY THE NUMBERS: CLASS OF 2023 PROJECTS

Approximately

800

students engaged
in research and
creative projects

Nearly

700

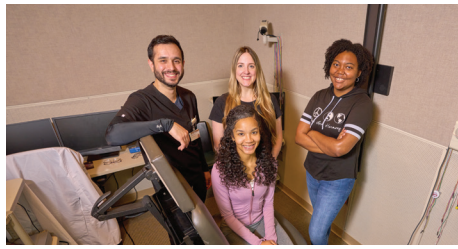
held internships

More than

770

studied abroad

- An English major created an EP of original music, including the production, mixing and mastering of the project and associated photography and videography.
- A medicine, health and society major traveled throughout Switzerland to meet leading scholars in the field of international humanitarian aid to examine the factors that influence policy decisions made by organizations and national governments.



POWERING LIMITLESS POTENTIAL

Ensuring that each student, regardless of their background or means, can develop and complete their ideal project, expand their perspective through study abroad, or accept their dream internship without financial hesitation is vital both to the success of Immersion Vanderbilt and to cultivating Vanderbilt's community of belonging and inclusion. Philanthropic partners can help us achieve this ambitious vision.

Gifts to Immersion Vanderbilt can support stipends, costs associated with research conferences, travel and transportation expenses, and other fees associated with students' ability to complete their projects.

We are committed to ensuring that, across disciplines, students have the resources to pursue potentially life-changing Immersion Vanderbilt projects. Your endowed or current-use gift to Immersion Vanderbilt will make this possible.

WHY SUPPORT IMMERSION VANDERBILT?

- For certain Immersion Vanderbilt tracks, like the Vanderbilt Undergraduate Summer Research Program, **more than 50 percent** of students who apply for assistance have their requests declined.
- For our Global Summer Fellows program, the funding gap is closer to **66 percent**.
- In areas where funding is available, we are often unable to offer the **full amount** needed to complete a project. Your support can help to close these gaps.

LOOKING AHEAD

Bolstering support for transformative programs like Immersion Vanderbilt is central to our Dare to Grow campaign, the most significant fundraising initiative in university history. Taking its name from Vanderbilt's motto, *Crescere aude*, the campaign is inspiring our entire community to think boldly and ambitiously about the university's future impact. One way to do so is by empowering our students to translate their ideas into action, refine their skills and integrate knowledge with experience through Immersion Vanderbilt.



"Immersion Vanderbilt helped me realize what interests and passions I had outside of the classroom. I learned how to use my strengths and what skills I wanted to develop to better support people with community resources."

– Immersion fund recipient, BS'23

"This experience has certainly broadened my perspective of the world. It was truly once in a lifetime, and I will forever cherish it. Without the scholarship, I don't think I could have participated at all."

– Immersion fund recipient, BA'23

"I have grown tremendously from my student teaching experience. Having the opportunity to put my education into practice on a very real level and encounter situations not found in a textbook really pushed me outside my comfort zone into a new realm of confidence."

– Immersion fund recipient, BS'22,
School of Medicine Class of 2025



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