

## ABOUT US



The UNCF/Koch Scholars Program (UKSP), generously funded by a \$25 million grant from Koch Industries, Inc. and the Charles Koch Foundation, is an educational initiative designed to explore how principled entrepreneurship, innovation, and the economic way of thinking contribute to the well-being of individuals, communities, and society as a whole. In addition to renewable scholarship opportunities, talented African-American undergraduate scholars are afforded exclusive access to an online learning community, knowledgeable mentors, and experiential learning opportunities.

### Annual Summit

The UKSP Summit is an annual convening designed to build on knowledge acquired in the online learning community and advance the experiential application of principled entrepreneurship, innovation, and the economic way of thinking. The Summit presents a unique opportunity to build positive and meaningful relationships with other scholars who have similar interests, develop leadership skills, and engage in a series of interactive activities with mentors, program staff, and industry leaders.

#### Activities during the Summit may include:

- Discussions
- Interactive Workshops
- Networking Activities
- Experiential Learning

Your active participation in these various activities will prepare you to create value for individuals, communities, and society as a whole.

Please note that the UKSP will cover approved travel costs (e.g. airfare, train, bus, and ground transportation) to and from the summit, hotel accommodations, and all meals during the convening. Attendance at the Summit is necessary to maintain UNCF/Koch Scholars Program eligibility.

### Online Learning Community

The online learning community is an integral part of your involvement as a UKSP scholar. You will gain a general understanding of nine foundational values and how each value contributes to your overall understanding of principled entrepreneurship, innovation, and the economic way of thinking that supports the well-being of individuals, communities, and societies.

During the academic year, you will develop the mindset of a principled entrepreneur that can be applied to all walks of life, not only in starting a business. All content is made available via an online learning management system (LMS); hence, the use of discussions, writings, readings, and debates are an integral part of these modules. You will be provided login information for the online LMS during the fall semester and will have access to the system shortly thereafter.

The foundational values are: principled entrepreneurship, mutual benefit, opportunity obsession, sound judgement, knowledge, passion, freedom, responsibility, and financial literacy. There is a Year One and Year Two curriculum that will be disseminated via the LMS. You will begin your engagement with Year One, which will require approximately one (1) hour of online participation and engagement per week.