

# OLA MASTERY PROGRAM



*A premier learning experience*

ODYSSEY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Over the course of Odyssey's history, the one golden thread that connects all of Odyssey's students receiving full ride academic scholarships to the best schools in the world is their **Mastery Program** work.

Our Mastery Program students have earned:

- \$500,000 in full ride scholarships researching social anthropology
- \$300,000 in full ride scholarships exploring cognitive science
- \$113,000 in full ride scholarships studying Lincoln and the Civil War
- \$120,000 in full ride scholarships researching the criminal justice system
- \$160,000 in full ride scholarships doing research work in Care Ethics
- \$176,000 in full ride scholarships to the top three art schools in the world

All told, that is **\$2 million dollars** in President's, Academic Excellence, Chancellor's, Dean's, Trustee, and Regent's scholarship to places like George Washington, NYU, Penn State, Hendrix, SCAD, UC Santa Cruz, Lewis and Clark, Colorado State, Regis, Allegheny, Fisk, and over **\$800,000 in scholarships for students *who did not even take the ACT.***

The Mastery Program is designed for highly motivated Odyssey students who have a passionate interest in a specific subject, have a strong desire to grow into disciplined self-learners, and have demonstrated proficient research and writing skills in previous Odyssey courses.

Based on the Oxford model of learning, students in the Mastery Program draft a plan of study upon an area they want to research and explore under the tutelage of the Odyssey faculty that is either outside of what is being offered in a given academic year, or is complementary to it. This opportunity allows students to do a deep dive in an area of their choosing, based upon their own academic interests, pushing them into further realms of individual scholarship that has reaped tremendous intellectual and even financial benefits for our graduates.

**This year's Mastery Students are pursuing their passions in:**

- Marine Biology
- Mechanical Engineering
- Women's Reproductive Rights
- Creative Writing
- Filmmaking
- Advanced Mathematics
- Criminal Psychology

The Mastery Program is designed for those students who want to push themselves above and beyond the rigorous coursework already offered at OLA, preparing them for high level work at their university of choice and for entering life as wise, virtuous, and compassionate architects of repair in the world.