

Herb Dankmeyer Scholars Program – Supplemental Essay

The Herb Dankmeyer Scholars Program provides full tuition support for up to two DSc in Rehabilitation Science students each year whose scholarly work has strong potential to advance limb loss care through education, leadership, or clinical research.

Dankmeyer Scholars will demonstrate:

- A sustained commitment to the limb loss community
- A practice-based DSc project plan with a clear focus on limb loss
- Strong potential for impact on education/training, clinical research, or leadership and systems of care related to limb loss

Essay Prompt

If you would like to be considered for the Charles “Herb” Dankmeyer Scholars Program, please submit a supplemental essay (up to 750 words) that addresses the points below. You may refer to your practice-based project statement, but please focus here on the limb loss-specific aspects of your work.

1. Background and Commitment to Limb Loss Care

- Describe your past and current experiences with limb loss (e.g., clinical care, education or training, leadership, advocacy, research, or community engagement).
- Highlight what you have learned from working with people with limb loss and/or the limb loss community, and how these experiences have shaped your professional goals.

2. How Your DSc Project Will Advance Limb Loss Care

- Briefly summarize how your proposed DSc scholarly project relates to limb loss. If your primary project statement is broader than limb loss, explain how you would focus or extend this work to have a meaningful impact on limb loss care.
- Emphasize how your project will advance education/training, leadership/management, or applied research/scholarship in limb loss (rather than routine clinical care alone).
- Comment on the kinds of products or scholarship you hope to generate (e.g., curricula, training models, implementation toolkits, research or QI findings) and how they could be shared beyond your own setting.

3. Anticipated Impact and Future Plans

- Describe the impact you hope your work will have on people with limb loss, their families, and the professionals or systems that serve them.
- Explain how participation in the DSc program—and support from the Dankmeyer scholarship—will help you pursue your longer-term goals in limb loss care.