What is STEP?

Ohio State’s Second-year Transformational Experience Program (STEP) was developed as a continuation of the university’s effort to redefine the student experience. STEP is designed to focus on student success and development and allows students the opportunity to engage in activities that cater to their individual interests and needs. Through interaction with faculty, students are able to develop tools for life and build essential network connections.

6 Areas of Education-Enriching Signature Projects

By fulfilling the program requirements, students are eligible to receive a fellowship of up to $2,000 to use towards a STEP Signature Project they might otherwise not be able to do. The project areas are:

1. Creative and Artistic Endeavors
2. Internships
3. Leadership
4. Service-Learning and Community Service
5. Education Abroad
6. Undergraduate Research

“(STEP)... encourages students to take advantage of opportunities and do things that they wouldn’t have otherwise that really benefit the college experience, their education, their future careers.”
-STEP Student

91% of Faculty Mentors agree that their role as a STEP mentor gave them a chance to make a difference in students’ lives
(Average response, 2014-2018 STEP Faculty Mentor surveys)

99% of STEP students return for their third-year at Ohio State, compared to 94.7% of students not in STEP
(2017-2018 cohort)