Payne Scholars Program

The Payne Scholars program gives students the opportunity to perform research, collaborate across campus, and engage with a broad network of international experts on global policy challenges. As part of a one-credit independent study course, Payne Scholars would participate in the Payne Institute’s guest lecture series, write a short commentary paper, and develop a research proposal on a related policy topic. At the end of the semester, selected students are eligible for a paid Payne Scholars summer internship.

Working with experts, interns will elaborate on their chosen policy paper and draft a detailed article for publication in a relevant research journal.

Areas of Research

- **Earth**: Rare earth and critical materials; Natural resources trade; Supply chains and security; Resource governance
- **Energy**: Power sector planning and markets; Energy transitions; Transportation, industry, and climate policy; Geopolitics, security, and conflict
- **Environment**: Oil and natural gas regulation; Methane and air pollution; Energy-water nexus; Environmental policy and subsidy reform

Activities

- Lectures, seminars, round-tables, and public engagement
- Payne Institute commentary series
- Multi-disciplinary collaboration across the Colorado School of Mines campus
- Visiting scholars and research scholars
- Partnerships with world-class organizations

Application

For more information, including the application, please visit our website at: payneinstitute.mines.edu/paynescholars

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