

# **Detroit Society for Coatings Technology (DSCT)**

## **Solicitation of applications for Research Scholarship - 2026**

DSCT is a regional non-profit association of professionals with interest in coatings and related products. Each year DSCT holds an annual technical conference FOCUS (Future of Coatings Under Study) in Southeast Michigan that attracts more than 350 attendees. It has become a popular venue for automotive coating technical discussions and networking with the entire supply chain. To encourage, support, and get young scientists and engineers engaged in advancing this field, DCST has initiated a Research Scholarship program for 2025-2026 and is now taking applications.

Proposals will be ranked based on innovation, process feasibility, relevance to the automotive coatings industry and how the research activities are designed.

For more information on the FOCUS Conference, please visit <https://dsctfocus.org/>

**Scholarship Amount: \$ 10,000**

**Application Deadline: March 1, 2026**

Interested students/faculty advisers must fill out and submit the attached application form by the deadline.

The selected student(s) must be available for an oral presentation during the FOCUS conference in April/May of 2027.

## **DSCT RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP - 2026**

**Completed application must be sent by March 1, 2026 to  
[call4abstracts@dsctfocus.org](mailto:call4abstracts@dsctfocus.org)**

Name of University and Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student conducting Research: \_\_\_\_\_

Status: Undergraduate student / Graduate student

Name faculty adviser: \_\_\_\_\_

Project title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Brief project proposal / description:

Attach a document, no more than two-page outline of research project describing research goals, scope, methodology that will be used, its relevance to coatings / automotive industry, any preliminary results and expected applications and outcomes of this research.