

## For Immediate Release

# **Ansys Renews and Increases Support for ASME Scholarships**

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**NEW YORK** (**Feb. 7, 2022**) — <u>Ansys</u>, a global leader in engineering simulation software, has renewed and increased its support for engineering scholarships with The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) with an additional \$15,000 donation to the <u>ASME Foundation's Campaign for Next Generation Engineers</u>. Last year, ASME Scholarships made possible by Ansys helped five students to focus more on their engineering education and less on finances and, this year, five more students at four universities in the U.S. will benefit.

These engineering students include first generation college students, children of immigrants, and children of single parents who all share a passion for problem solving and making a positive impact on people and the planet. As one recipient shared, "I am proud to say that I will be the first person in my family to receive a bachelor's degree, and the first to receive a degree in STEM. The harsh reality is that I have taken out many loans because my family cannot contribute what they would like to the cost of my education. These ASME scholarships will significantly reduce the financial burden that I am facing." Influenced by their experiences with the Covid-19 pandemic and climate change, the scholarship recipients' interests include careers in medical technology, renewable energy, machine design and building, advanced manufacturing, and robotics.



"At Ansys, we have a very diverse and global employee base and that helps inspire creativity, power ingenuity, and has resulted in more than 50 years of growth and success. Through our partnership with ASME, we aim to support ASME in its mission to address the college funding gap and inspire future innovators," says Ansys Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer Julie Murphy. "Additionally, we are impressed that 45% of ASME scholarships go to students of color and 40% to women. ASME empowers the next generation of engineers and believes diversity drives innovation, and as an organization committed to a culture of belonging and inclusion, we support that."

ASME Foundation scholarships address the college funding gap for the most deserving students in the U.S. and abroad. In the U.S., among engineers with college degrees, fewer than 15% are women and less than 14% are individuals from minority groups long underrepresented in the profession. ASME awards are made to high-achieving student members of the Society who are enrolled in two-year, four-year, and graduate degree programs. For the 2021-2022 academic year, more than 150 ASME Foundation,

Auxiliary, and Divisional scholarships were awarded to 113 students, totaling more than \$500,000 – ASME's largest-ever cohort of scholarship recipients and highest-ever aggregate funding amount.



"Ansys' continued support of ASME scholarships and other philanthropic initiatives reflects our shared commitment to increasing access to STEM careers, especially among those who are underrepresented in the engineering community," said Kathleen Lobb, executive director of the ASME Foundation and managing director, ASME Philanthropy. "We are so grateful to Ansys for the generous contribution, and for helping us advance our goal of empowering next generation engineers."

Scholarship applications are due Feb. 17 for undergraduate college students, March 3 for graduate students, and March 15, 2022, for high school seniors. ASME student members can visit https://www.asme.org/asme-programs/students-and-faculty/scholarships for more information on the scholarship application process.

For more information on the scholarship program, including giving opportunities, a list of scholarship recipients and the college they'll attend, visit https://www.asmefoundation.org/programs/stemeducation/asme-scholarships/

#### About ASME

ASME helps the global engineering community develop solutions to real world challenges. Founded in 1880 as the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, ASME is a not-for-profit professional organization that enables collaboration, knowledge sharing, and skill development across all engineering disciplines, while promoting the vital role of the engineer in society. ASME codes and standards, publications, conferences, continuing education, and professional development programs provide a foundation for advancing technical knowledge and a safer world. In 2020, ASME formed the International Society of Interdisciplinary Engineers (ISIE) LLC, a new for-profit subsidiary to house business ventures that will bring new and innovative products, services, and technologies to the engineering community, and later established the holding company, Global Knowledge Solutions LLC. In 2021, ASME launched a second for-profit subsidiary, Metrix Connect LLC, an industry events and content platform to accelerate digital transformation in the engineering community and an agent for the Mechanical Engineering® brand of media products. For more information, visit www.asme.org.







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### About the ASME Foundation

The ASME Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, supporting an array of programs in three core pillars: engineering education, career engagement, and global development. With the goal of empowering tomorrow's technical workforce, the ASME Foundation advances equitable access both to professional opportunities and to engineering innovations that improve quality of life. For more information, visit www.asmefoundation.org.

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