The General Engineering Learning Community (GELC) brings together first-year engineering students who are focused on supporting each other’s journey to become successful students and future engineering professionals.

In the spring semester, GELC students who continue in the program after the fall can apply to receive the Boyd Scholars award for summer coursework required to stay on track in their engineering major.

**Program Goals:**

- Increase retention rates for engineering students placing into MATH 1030 or MATH 1050
- Allow students to **enter their intended engineering major** by the start of their sophomore year
- Help students **build academic and professional skills** to succeed at Clemson and beyond
- Foster network of peers, upperclassmen, GELC alumni, staff, and instructors to **support students’ personal and professional growth**
- (Boyd Scholars) Keep students on track to graduate by providing a longer runway to master success **without increasing the cost of their education**

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**Cohorted Classes**

Take many of your courses at the same time as other GELC students, so you’ll know most of your classmates

**Stay on Track**

Enter your specific engineering major in the fall of your 2nd year. Without GELC, this transition and graduation may be delayed

**Covered Costs**

Boyd Scholars receive an award that covers the cost of tuition, fees, housing, and meals during the summer semester

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