Fourteen sophomores at the University of Kansas have been competitively selected as Global Scholars. This program, coordinated by Megan Greene, director of faculty programs for International Programs, recognizes and encourages undergraduate students who have an interest in global studies and a strong academic record.

The 14 students that make up the 2018 Global Scholars group come from a wide range of disciplines across the university and were selected for their demonstrated interest in global and international studies, plans for studying abroad and potential for high academic achievement and leadership.

The group will participate in a three-hour weekly seminar, Biodiversity and Biodiversity Scholarship around the World, taught by Professor A. Townsend Peterson. Each student will be paired with a faculty mentor with similar interests to work on an internationally focused research project and will present the results of that research during the spring semester of their senior year. In addition, the students will each receive a $1,000 scholarship to be applied toward a KU-approved study abroad program.

“We are delighted to have been able to select a great group of Global Scholars who come from a wide array of disciplines, and bring many diverse experiences and international interests to the seminar and the Global Scholars program as a whole,” Greene said.

The 2018 Global Scholars are listed below along with their hometown, parents’ names, academic areas of interest and high school.

Mackenzie Aden: Houston, Texas, Fran Aden and Jarrod Aden, political science and history, Carnegie Vanguard High School

Alexandra Carroll: Olathe, Kan., Karen and Ed Carroll, visual communication, Olathe Northwest High School

Matti Dimmick: Washington, D.C., Nikki and Matthew Dimmick, Slavic languages, QSI International School of T’bilisi, Georgia

Annabel Dolan: St. Louis, Mo., John and Pamela Dolan, international studies and French, Kirkwood High School

Johnathan Fancher: lived on numerous Air Force bases, Gail Fancher and Anthony Fancher, political science and global and international studies, Ramstein High School on Ramstein Air Base, Germany

Harriett Hobart: Hutchinson, Kan., Wendy and Ted Hobart, environmental studies, Hutchinson High School

Brooke Lapke: LaMotte, Iowa, Tom Lapke and Bonnie Andersen, microbiology, Maquoketa High School

Natalia Leyba: Caracas, Venezuela, Adriana Gamboa and Jose Luis Leyba, electrical engineering, UE Mater Salvatoris

Tyler Nguyen: Kansas City, Kan., Tung Nguyen and Huyen Nguyen, biology, Piper High School

Matthew Reinhold: Leavenworth, Kan., linguistics and global and international studies, Lansing High School

Erika Sertic: Franklin, Wis., Paul and Deane Sertic, double language concentration, Franklin High School

Ria Singh: Chandigarh, India, Jitendra Singh and Gunchoo Kundi, molecular, cellular and developmental biology, Sacred Heart Senior Secondary School

Ruth Taylor: Blacksburg, Va., Linda and Mark Taylor, East Asian languages and cultures and Spanish, Blacksburg High School