Two Ohio State students majoring in computer science and engineering, junior Lia Ferguson and sophomore Faris Rehman, have been selected as 2019 Cargill Global Scholars.

The prestigious Cargill Global Scholars Program, a distinctive international scholarship program that began in 2013, offers a scholarship award of $2,500 per year for up to two years.

In addition to scholarship funding, Ferguson and Rehman joined the eight other scholars selected for the program’s seventh cohort in the U.S. for a three-day leadership development seminar held during the summer at Cargill Global headquarters in Minneapolis. During the seminar, the Cargill Global Scholars received training in a variety of business and leadership skills, toured Cargill’s Food Innovation Center, volunteered with a nonprofit organization supporting families impacted by homelessness, and met the Cargill business leaders who will serve as their mentors for the next year.

In the summer of 2020, Ferguson and Rehman will rejoin their fellow U.S. cohort members to participate in a five-day global leadership seminar with scholars selected for the program from Brazil, China, India, Indonesia and Russia to further build on their leadership development skills and broaden their global mindsets.

The students selected as Global Scholars are those who demonstrate exemplary academic achievement and leadership potential and study in a field relevant to Cargill’s world of food, agriculture and risk management.

Including Ferguson and Rehman, three Ohio State students have been selected as Cargill Global Scholars finalists since the program’s inception.

For more information about the Cargill Global Scholars Program, please visit https://www.cargillglobalscholars.com/.