



## SCIENCE LEARNING COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Information for Transfer Biological Science and  
Chemistry Students



**PLEASE NOTE: Transfer student applications will not be accepted  
until late summer/early fall of 2016**

The University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg (Pitt-Greensburg) has been awarded a grant by the National Science Foundation (NSF) to increase the retention and graduation rates of students in Biology or Chemistry. Through the S-STEM Scholarship Program, the NSF is strengthening the U.S scientific workforce by supporting academically talented students who would otherwise have difficulties reaching their goals.

### SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to participate in the scholarship program, students must:

1. Enrolled in Biology or Chemistry at a higher educational institute
2. Apply to be full-time student at Pitt-Greensburg
3. Completed appropriate pre-requisite college courses in Biology or Chemistry
4. Be U.S. citizens, nationals, aliens admitted as refugees, permanent resident aliens and reside in Fayette or Washington Counties or one of the rural areas of Westmoreland County\*, in Pennsylvania.
5. Demonstrate academic potential via a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale in college courses up to date
6. Demonstrate financial need as defined by the U.S. Department of Education.

### SCHOLARSHIP ACTIVITIES

- Participate in Science Learning Community
  - Attend an Academic Orientation
  - Enroll in Science Seminar (1 semester)
  - Career Seminar (1 semester)
  - Monthly Journal Clubs
- Faculty Mentoring
- Developing Leadership Skills
- “Boot-Camp” Prep course for Graduate School entrance exams (e.g., GRE, MCAT, etc.)
- Capstone Research
- Attending and Presenting at Regional or National conferences

### EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

Scholarship recipients will have the opportunity to participate in optional activities to tailor their program experiences to their particular needs and interests. These include, but are not limited to:

- Receiving tutoring services
- Job shadowing/ internships
- Directed independent study
- Becoming a teaching assistant, peer mentor, or tutor
- Becoming involved with professional societies
- Joining student organizations
- Assisting with the *quest* and *summer science and math experience* summer camps

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\* **Eligible rural areas of Westmoreland County include:** Avonmore Borough; Bell Township; Bolivar Borough; Cook Township; Donegal Borough; Donegal Township; Fairfield Township; Laurel Mountain Borough; Ligonier Borough; Ligonier Township; Loyalhanna Township; Madison Borough; Mount Pleasant Township; New Alexandria Borough; New Florence Borough; Salem Township; Seward Borough; Sewickley Township; Smithton Borough; South Huntingdon Township; St. Clair Township; Upper Burrell Township; and Washington Township

## CRITERIA FOR RETENTION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

In order to retain the scholarship, the SLC scholars must continue to satisfy the following eligibility requirements:

1. Preferred 3.00 or above cumulative GPA\*  
*\* Should your GPA drop below 3.0, additional factors to retaining your scholarship will be considered and support will be provided to help you in bring your cumulative GPA back up to the preferred 3.0 and above level.*
2. Continued evidence of financial need
3. Continued full time enrollment in biology or chemistry at the Greensburg campus
4. Enroll in a science learning community
5. Attend classes on a regular basis
6. Attend required meetings with mentors
7. Attend at least 6 journal clubs each year (sophomore-senior year)
8. Participate in at least 3 extension activities every year, e.g.,
  - One career awareness activity (*e.g., career awareness seminars and associated activities, workshops sponsored by Career Services, etc.*),
  - One student organization activity (*e.g., activities sponsored through Learning Community, Rho Theta chapter of Gamma Sigma Epsilon chemistry honor society, Theta Pi chapter of Tri Beta biology honor society, Science Club etc.*), and
  - One additional activities (*e.g., peer mentoring, tutoring, and other optional activities, such as research projects, internships, preparation for graduate school*)  
*\*These activities will be verified.*
9. Make sufficient progress toward the degree in each semester.

### APPLICATION:

The NSF scholarship is open to any newly admitted University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg freshmen or transfer student who declared a major in biology and chemistry and intend to remain at the Pitt-Greensburg campus through graduation.

### For Additional Information, contact

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