



Application timeline

Application period opens on **February 21, 2020**, and ends on **July 31st, 2020**.

To be considered, the student must meet all eligibility criteria for the application.

Students will be contacted regarding the status of their application during summer 2020 via e-mail.



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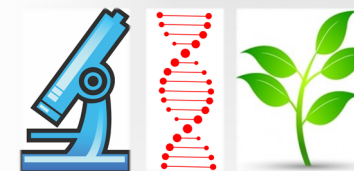
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NSF S-STEM Scholarship Program

Improving Competences and Career Readiness in STEM (ICCR-STEM)



Microbiology—Biotechnology—Biology

School of Science and Technology

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About the program

The School of Science and Technology (SST) of the Universidad Ana G. Méndez (UAGM) —Carolina campus, supported by the National Science Foundation (NSF), is offering scholarships this year to academically talented students with proven financial need, and are enrolled in one of the BS degrees in Biology, Biotechnology or Microbiology. The scholarship program will start in August 2020.

Benefits

Students under the NSF S-STEM Scholarship program will receive:

- Financial support for tuition expenses each semester when enrolled at one of the BS programs at SST, based on UAGM-Carolina Financial Aid Office recommendations.
- Stipends for academic and living expenses.
- Academic/professional counseling, mentoring and peer-tutoring.
- Special activities such as summer research experience, leadership and entrepreneurship workshops, among others.



Criteria for Eligibility

1. Be a citizen of the United States, National of the United States (as defined in section 101(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act), aliens admitted as refugees under section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, or aliens lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence.
2. Apply, and qualify for Federal Student Financial Aid (FAFSA).
3. Have a overall GPA of 3.30 or higher from High School.
4. Have a combined minimum score of 1,550 points in the three required sections (i.e. verbal aptitude, math aptitude, and English proficiency) of the College Board test.
5. Be enrolled full-time in any of the BS programs offered by the SST (i.e. Biology, Biotechnology and Microbiology).
6. Complete and submit the scholarship application by the specified deadline. The application packet includes:
 - a) student's high school transcript,
 - b) college admission test scores,
 - c) FAFSA eligibility certification from the Financial Aid Office,
 - d) personal statement expressing their interest in a STEM career and how the scholarship will benefit their studies,
 - e) a letter of recommendation from a science teacher, and
 - f) CV or resume.

Application Process

Eligible students will be selected through a competitive application process.

Applications will be reviewed by a committee, and the candidates will be contacted for an interview.

The committee will review each application from a holistic perspective and rank each applicant according to the established criteria, the components of the application package and the interview answer responses.

Retention criteria:

- Be a SST full-time student.
- Follow the curricular sequence of their BS program and individual academic plan.
- Enroll in courses per semester together with students from the same cohort.
- Meet regularly with PI, Faculty advisor, Professional Counselor, peer-tutors and other student support units' staff as needed.
- Participate in the activities organized or sponsored by the ICCR-STEM and HONORS programs.
- Maintain a GPA of 3.30 or higher in general and professional courses, and a GPA of 3.00 or higher in major courses.
- Complete community services hours.
- Participate in at least one summer research experience or internship before completing their degree (per Honors Program policy).

