Opportunity Title: NIEHS Scholars Connect Program
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Organization	National Institutes of Health (NIH)
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How to Apply	Click on *Apply* below to start your application.
	***APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED-** Applications must be completed, and recommendations received by the new deadline of Monday, February 20, 2023, at 5:00 P.M. EST to be considered for selection.
Application Deadline	2/20/2023 5:00:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

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Description

The National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) office is seeking undergraduate students to participate in the NIEHS Scholars Connect Program (NSCP). Participants will be provided a paid internship during the academic year for 3 semesters beginning in the Summer of 2023. The program is designed to provide environmental health sciences research training for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM)-focused undergraduate students from historically black colleges and universities, community colleges, and other surrounding academic institutions within the commuting area of Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, to solidly connect with NIEHS, and receive frontier level training in biomedical research under the mentorship of highly trained NIEHS staff. Participants will also have opportunities for personal and professional development. Students from underrepresented groups in STEM are strongly encouraged to apply.

About NIEHS

The NIEHS is expanding and accelerating its contributions to scientific knowledge of human health and the environment, and to the health and well-being of people everywhere. NIEHS is one of the 27 Institutes and Centers of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

What will I be doing?

Participants are paired with a NIEHS research mentor who will guide them through the scientific research process of defining a hypothesis, designing and conducting experiments to test the hypothesis, and analyzing and reporting the results. Projects will be determined by the hosting lab's Principal Investigator.

To supplement the research and training experience, the participant will:

- Attend career-relevant information sessions, talks, and presentations, including program orientation during the first week of the Summer Connection.
- Attend a 2-5 day science boot camp during orientation week.
- Present an update of their project at the end of each Connection (semester).
- Participate in a weekly (Summer) and bi-weekly (Fall/Spring) Seminar Series, created exclusively for program participants.
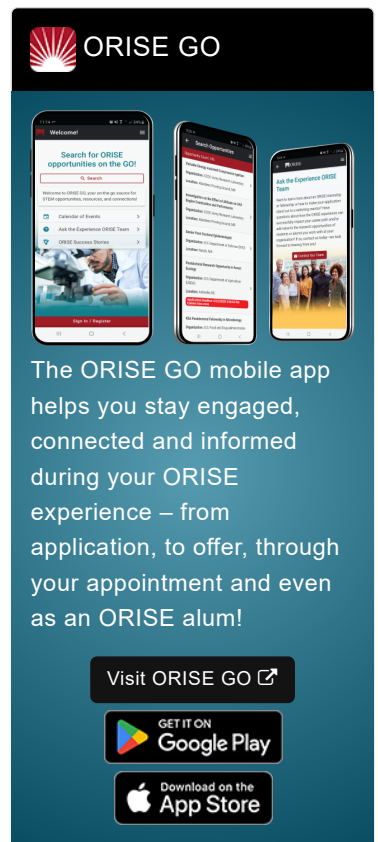
Why should I apply?

As a participant, you will be a part of a research team striving to accomplish NIEHS research missions in areas related to human health and the environment. NSCP is dedicated to providing training in biomedical research so that you can apply your knowledge outside the classroom and gain career-changing experiences.

For additional information visit; https://www.niehs.nih.gov/careers/research/scholars/index.cfm

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Stipend

Summer Connection full-time 40 hours a week: Juniors $2,680/month, Seniors $2,860/month

Fall and Spring Connections prorated for part-time 15 hours a week

*Stipend amounts subject to change

Program Dates

Summer Connection: June 5, 2023--August 4, 2023, Full-time

Fall ConnectionrP September 4, 2023--November 17, 2023, Part-time

Spring Connection: January 8, 2024--April 19, 2024, Part-time

Dates are subject to change

Nature of Appointment

This program, administered by the Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) through its contract with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to manage the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE), was established through an interagency agreement between DOE and NIH. Participants do not become employees of NIH, DOE or the program administrator, and there are no employment-related benefits. Proof of health insurance is required for participation in this program. Health insurance can be obtained through ORISE.

The successful applicant(s) will be required to comply with Environmental, Safety and Health (ES&H) requirements of the hosting facility, including but not limited to, COVID-19 requirements (e.g. facial covering, physical distancing, testing, vaccination).

Qualifications To apply, applicants must: be a rising junior or senior at a 4-year college or university; or must have completed an advanced number of credit hours in science and math at a nearby community college. and is available to students who are seeking degrees in a Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM) degree.

- Be a U.S. citizen or Lawful Permanent Residents (LPR),
- Live within commuting distance of Research Triangle Park, North Carolina area
- Be enrolled, full-time or part-time in a degree granting program as a junior or senior in an undergraduate STEM major at a 4-year college or university or must have completed an advanced number of credit hours in a STEM at a nearby community college.
- Be in good academic standing- Have at least 3.0 cumulative GPA and preferably a 3.5+ GPA in STEM courses
- A strong interest in or currently pursuing studies in disciplines related to biomedical research

A complete application consists of:

- Zintellect profile
- Essay Questions - Goals, experience, and skills relevant to this opportunity.
- Transcript(s) – For this opportunity, an unofficial transcript or copy of the student academic records printed by the applicant or by academic advisors from internal institution systems may be submitted. Click here for detailed information about acceptable transcripts.
- Current resume/CV - Including academic history, employment history, relevant experiences, and publication list
- Two educational or professional recommendations - You are encouraged to request

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recommendations from professionals who can speak to your abilities and potential for success as well as your scientific capabilities and personal characteristics. Recommendation requests must be sent through the Zintellect application system. Recommenders will be asked to complete a recommendation in Zintellect. Letters of recommendation submitted via email will not be accepted.

All documents must be in English or include an official English translation.

If you have questions, send an email to NIHprograms@orau.org. Please include the reference code [NIH-NIEHS-SCP-2023] for this opportunity in your email.

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Eligibility Requirements	**Citizenship:** LPR or U.S. Citizen **Degree:** Currently pursuing an Associate's Degree or Bachelor's Degree. **Overall GPA:** 3.00 **Academic Level(s):** Undergraduate Students. **Discipline(s):** **Chemistry and Materials Sciences** (12 👁) **Communications and Graphics Design** (2 👁) **Computer, Information, and Data Sciences** (17 👁) **Earth and Geosciences** (21 👁) **Engineering** (27 👁) **Environmental and Marine Sciences** (14 👁) **Life Health and Medical Sciences** (46 👁) **Mathematics and Statistics** (10 👁) **Other Non-Science & Engineering** (2 👁) **Physics** (16 👁) **Science & Engineering-related** (1 👁) **Social and Behavioral Sciences** (29 👁) **Age:** Must be 18 years old by 6/5/2023
Affirmation	I affirm that I live within commuting distance of Research Triangle Park, North Carolina area.