

**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** 2/10/2021 11:59:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

**Description** The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (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).

The NIEHS Scholars Connect Program (NSCP) is designed to provide a unique opportunity for highly motivated science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) focused undergraduate students to solidly connect with NIEHS and receive training in biomedical research. Students in NSCP have an opportunity for hands-on mentored research experiences, as well as professional and personal development. NSCP is committed to encouraging students to pursue careers in scientific investigation, both basic and clinical. Scientists at NIEHS are committed to sharing with students and educators the intensity, excitement, sense of discipline, and tremendous satisfaction that careers in science can impart to those who pursue them.

The Scholars Connect Program invites applications from students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU), as well as students from all other academic institutions within the commuting area of Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. NSCP is committed to increasing diversity in environmental health science.

#### What will I be doing?

With the help of your mentors, you will define a project, construct and test the hypothesis, analyze the results, draw conclusions, and to present findings at the end of every connection. You will also participate in professional and career development opportunity seminars.

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

- Attend a mandatory orientation, Science Boot Camp and the Scholars Seminar Series
- Meet regularly with the Program Coordinator and/or OSED Director
- Present a formal update of your projects at the end of each Connection (semester)
- Submit additional assignments as requested (i.e., End-of-Connection Evaluation, Reflection).

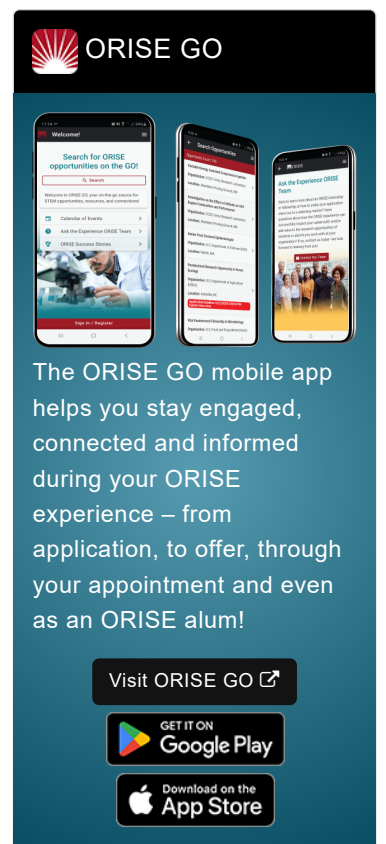
#### Why should I apply?

As a Scholar, you will be a part of research teams striving to accomplish NIEHS research mission 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**

~ \$2,300/month (Full-Time Summer Connection); ~ \$850/month (Part-Time Fall and Spring Connections)

### **Program Dates**

Summer Connection: June 1, 2021--August 6, 2021 Full-time

Fall Connection: September 7, 2021--November 19, 2021 Part-time

Spring Connection: January 3, 2022--April 15, 2022 Part-time

*Dates are subject to change*

*ORISE is continuing normal program operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. This opportunity will be offered as long as the NIH Laboratory is able to complete the onboarding process and ensure a meaningful experience to participants. We encourage you to apply and submit your application as soon as possible. Updates to this opportunity will be provided on this page as needed.*

This program, administered by 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 the **National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)**. Proof of health insurance is required for participation in this program. Participants do not become employees of NIH, NIEHS, DOE or the program administrator, and there are no employment-related benefits.

### **Qualifications**

- Applicants must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Applicants must live within commuting distance of Research Triangle Park, North Carolina area
- Currently enrolled, full-time or part-time in a degree granting program as a junior or senior in an Undergraduate STEM major.
- Good academic standing- Have at least 3.0 cumulative GPA and preferably a 3.5+ GPA in STEM courses
- A strong interest or 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 (2) educational or professional recommendations - You are encouraged to request recommendations from professionals who can speak to your abilities and potential for success as well as your scientific capabilities and personal characteristics. Recommendation

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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. **Recommendation deadline is 2/10/2021 11:59 PM Eastern Time Zone.**

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

If you have questions, send an email to [NIHprograms@orau.org](mailto:NIHprograms@orau.org). Please include the reference code [NIH-NIEHS-ScholarsConnect-2021] for this opportunity in your email.

- Eligibility Requirements**
- **Citizenship:** LPR or U.S. Citizen
  - **Degree:** Associate's Degree or Bachelor's Degree.
  - **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](#))

**Affirmation** I affirm that I live within commuting distance of Research Triangle Park, North Carolina area.