

**Opportunity Title:** NIEHS Scholars Connect Program  
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**Organization** National Institutes of Health (NIH)

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**How to Apply**

A complete application consists of:

- An application
- 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. All transcripts must be in English or include an official English translation. Click [here](#) for detailed information about acceptable transcripts.
- A current resume/CV, including academic history, employment history, relevant experiences, and publication list
- Three letters of recommendation

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 for this opportunity in your email.

**Application Deadline** 2/20/2020 12:00:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

**Description**

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 frontier-level training in biomedical research. Students in NSCP have an opportunity for hands-on mentored research experiences, as well as professional and personal development. The Program 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. NIEHS is located in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. NSCP is committed to increasing diversity in environmental health science.

**The Program offers:**

1. An academic-year (3 semesters) paid biomedical research internship
2. Career mentoring from NIEHS investigators
3. An opportunity to present findings to the NIEHS community, and at other conferences
4. Opportunities to attend scientific talks by leading investigators, as well as specially designed professional and career development seminars.

To supplement research training and experience, Scholars will also

- Attend mandatory Orientation, Science Boot Camp, and the Scholars Seminar Series
- With the help of mentors, define a project, construct and test the hypothesis, analyze the results, draw conclusions, and report the results
- Meet regularly with the Program Coordinator and/or OSED Director
- Present an formal update of their projects at the end of each Connection (semester)
- Submit additional assignments (i.e., End-of-Connection Evaluation, Reflection)

**Stipend:** ~ \$2200/month (Summer Connection); ~ \$800/month (Fall and Spring Connections)

**Summer Connection:** June 1--August 7, 2020 Full-time (40 hours/week)

**Fall Connection:** September 8--November 20, 2020 Part-time (15 hours/week)

**Spring Connection:** January 4--April 16, 2021 Part-time (15 hours/week)

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

**The deadline for submission is February 12, 2020**


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This program, administered by ORAU through its contract with the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) to manage the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE), was established through an interagency agreement between DOE and NIEHS. The initial appointment is for three semesters, but may be renewed upon recommendation of NIEHS and is contingent on the availability of funds. The participant will receive a monthly stipend commensurate with educational level and experience. Proof of health insurance is required for participation in this program. The appointment is full-time for Summer Connection and part-time for Fall and Spring Connections. Participants do not become employees of NIEHS, DOE or the program administrator, and there are no employment-related benefits.

### Qualifications

- Applicants must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident (*no exceptions*)
- Applicants must live within commuting distance of Research Triangle Park, North Carolina area
- Currently enrolled, full-time or part-time (at least half-time) in a degree granting program as a junior or senior in an Undergraduate STEM major
- Students completing community college in the spring and are accepted in a 4 year college for Fall are encouraged to apply
- Good academic standing- Should 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

### Eligibility Requirements

- **Citizenship:** LPR or U.S. Citizen
- **Degree:** Bachelor's Degree.
- **Discipline(s):**
  - **Communications and Graphics Design** (2 )
  - **Computer, Information, and Data Sciences** (16 )
  - **Earth and Geosciences** (20 )
  - **Engineering** (27 )
  - **Environmental and Marine Sciences** (15 )
  - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** (46 )
  - **Mathematics and Statistics** (11 )
  - **Nanotechnology** (1 )
  - **Other Non-S&E** (2 )
  - **Other Physical Sciences** (12 )
  - **Physics** (16 )
  - **Social and Behavioral Sciences** (27 )