



NIEHS Scholars Connect Program

Connecting Local Undergraduate STEM Students With Environmental Health Science

The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) Scholars Connect Program (NSCP) provides opportunities for undergraduate students from underrepresented groups, who are focused on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), to connect with the NIEHS community and engage in emerging areas of research, training, and career-oriented activities.

Selected scholars are matched with an NIEHS lead researcher and mentor, work on a research project in a lab, and participate in workshops, seminars, and career exploration activities.

Students in this program begin their tenure full time during the summer (Summer Connection) and continue part time through the academic year (Fall and Spring Connections).

Application Time Frame:

Mid-November to mid-February

Stipend:

Stipends are provided to scholars and are adjusted yearly. The amount depends on junior or senior status in school.

Time Frame:

- June – April
- Summer: 40 hours per week; Fall and Spring: 15 hours per week.

The first week of the NSCP is mandatory. It includes orientation and science boot camp.



Eligibility:

- U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- Rising undergraduate junior or senior in a STEM major.
- Enrolled and matriculating full time in a four-year, degree-granting college or university near Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. Nearby community college students in transfer programs are also encouraged to apply.
- Strong interest in pursuing a graduate or professional degree in a STEM discipline and a STEM-related career.

Application:

Application is made through the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) and requires:

- Transcripts
- Current resume, including academic history, employment history, and relevant experience
- Letters of recommendation

Applicants are encouraged to explore NIEHS research areas at <https://niehs.nih.gov/research/atniehs>.

For more information or to apply, go to <https://niehs.nih.gov/careers/research/scholars>.

Applicants will be expected to participate in the Selection Day process or phone interviews.

Please contact nscp@niehs.nih.gov for further information about the program.