

**NEW MEXICO AMP
SUMMER COMMUNITY COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY FOR RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE (SCCORE) PROGRAM GUIDELINES
FOR SUMMER 2009
JUNE 22-JULY 31, 2009**

New Mexico AMP is a partnership representing New Mexico's federally funded tribal colleges and state funded community colleges and four-year universities. New Mexico AMP's goals are to increase the number of underrepresented minorities receiving B.S. degrees in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and to increase the number of these students who complete their graduate studies in STEM, with a strong focus on progression to the Ph.D.

THE SUMMER COMMUNITY COLLEGE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY EXPERIENCE (SCCORE) PROGRAM

Students participating in the Summer Community College Research Opportunity Experience (SCCORE) program serve as apprentice researchers on a faculty member's research project. Participating students must establish a working schedule with their mentors and are expected to work a minimum of 20-25 hours per week during the summer session. Selection criteria for the SCCORE program include GPA requirements, enrollment in a STEM discipline, and a completed application packet. A strong interest in and potential for graduate studies is also considered.

FUNDING

- SCCORE participants are funded at \$1,500.00 per student for summer session. A supplies stipend of up to \$150.00 is available to the mentor for materials and supplies related to the student's project for the summer session (please refer to the SCCORE Supplies Allowance Guidelines). All students are required to attend and present at the New Mexico AMP Student Research Conference on October 2, 2009. Students who return to community college for fall '09 are eligible to receive additional support for attending and presenting at the conference and for attending a pre- and post-conference workshop for community college students on October 1st and 3rd. Students who transfer to NMSU in fall '09 are not eligible for the additional support; however, they are eligible for the New Mexico AMP Transfer Scholarship of \$1,000 for one semester.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES AND REQUIREMENTS

SCCORE students are required to:

- Work a minimum of 20-25 hours per week on their research project
- Participate in required workshops
- Complete a poster project, including an expanded outline
- Consistently work with New Mexico AMP staff member(s) on poster project report and submit working drafts of the outline and poster at intervals during the project period
- Attend and participate in a 1-credit hour course, CE 198: "Exploring Transfer and SMET Professions" at NMSU or in coursework at the university at which they are SCCORE participants.
- Present their research, in either oral or poster format, at a mini-Symposium at the end of the project
- Attend and present their research at the New Mexico AMP Student Research Conference at NMSU on October 2, 2009. Students returning to community college in fall '09 are also required to attend a pre-and post-conference community college workshop on Oct. 1st and October 3rd.

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Particular emphasis is placed on supporting groups that historically have been underrepresented in STEM: African Americans, Alaskan Natives, American Indians, Hispanic Americans and Native Pacific Islanders. To participate in the SCCORE program, a student must also

- be a U.S. citizen
- be enrolled in one of the New Mexico AMP's partner community college institutions
- intend to transfer to a participating New Mexico AMP university
- have a minimum cumulative 2.7 GPA
- be enrolled fulltime in a STEM discipline

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants will be required to submit the following: **1) completed application form 2) copies of most recent unofficial transcripts, 3) completed Questionnaire, 4) Non-degree Form, and 4) Medical Release Form (the non-degree form and the medical release form can be sent to you if you were not provided these).**

After the awarded students arrive on the university campus, they will be required to write a brief project proposal with their faculty mentor.

Completed application materials and project proposals should be sent to:

Jeanne Garland, SCCORE Program Coordinator
New Mexico Alliance for Minority Participation
New Mexico State University
P.O. Box 30001, MSC 3AMP
Las Cruces, NM 88003-8001

If you have questions about the application process, please contact Jeanne Garland at:

(575) 646-5212 Fax (575) 646-2960

Applications accepted until the all positions are filled.

