

**Summer Community College
Opportunity for Research Experience
(SCCORE):
A Summer Bridge Program
Summer 2009**

What is the Summer Community College Opportunity for Research Experience (SCCORE) program?

The Summer Community College Opportunity for Research Experience (SCCORE) program provides research opportunities, fosters student success, and assists students in the transition to participating New Mexico Alliance for Minority Participation (New Mexico AMP) baccalaureate-granting institutions. New Mexico AMP is funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF). The program is designed to help students further realize their potential and build academic and research skills. The SCCORE program is sponsored by the New Mexico AMP, a partnership representing New Mexico's federally-funded tribal colleges, state-funded community colleges, and four-year universities. **The program will take place in from June 22-July 31, 2009 at New Mexico State University.**

Who is eligible to participate in the SCCORE Program?

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

What are the benefits of participating in the SCCORE program?

- Students serve as assistant researchers on a faculty member's research project. Participating students establish a working schedule with their faculty mentors and are expected to work 20-25 hours per week during the **session that will take place from June 22-July 31, 2009.**
- Students participate in a university-level summer program in which they enroll in a 1-credit hour course (CE 198: "Exploring Transfer and SMET Professions") on the NMSU campus.
- Students are housed on campus and participate in campus orientations; learning and academic skills seminars; and workshops focused on their academic, social, and financial needs, thus helping students understand the transfer process better and contributing to their professional development.
- Each student receives free room and board, paid university registration and course enrollment fees, a student stipend of \$1500, and a research supplies stipend of \$150 available for their mentor.
- Students gain valuable experience and professional development by creating a poster of their research project and presenting it at a program-end Symposium and at the New Mexico AMP Student Research Conference at NMSU on October 2, 2009. **All students are required to attend and present their research at the conference.** 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 upon transfer.

How do I apply for the program?

Applicants will be required to submit the following:

- 1) Completed application forms;
- 2) Copies of most recent unofficial transcripts, and
- 3) Completed Questionnaire
- 4) Completed Non-degree Form
- 5) Completed Medical Release Form

NOTE: ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE INCLUDED TO BE CONSIDERED.

Send completed application materials by April 24, 2009 to:

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