

UF Biology

New Scholarship Opportunity for Biotech Students

The University of Florida's Biology Department has just launched the BioS program, which is designed for highly motivated, academically-talented, low-income students who have advanced biotechnology or other STEM experience. Students accepted into the program will receive full funding to earn both a BS and MS degree in a structured, supportive five-year time-frame. BioS was actually designed with secondary biotechnology students in mind, because it is the perfect follow-on for students already adept with basic lab skills, and are ready (as college freshmen) to participate in meaningful, mentored research. In addition, students will participate in professional development workshops, so that upon graduation they will be uniquely qualified to enter the private industry workforce, or pursue a Ph.D. in a STEM discipline.

Keep in mind, the program is intended for students interested in becoming researchers and scientists who make important scientific discoveries and create new and useful chemicals, organisms or procedures. The focus is not on preparing students to become practicing physicians, dentists or veterinarians.

More information regarding details of the program can be found on the website <http://bios.biology.ufl.edu/about>, including the curriculum, scholarship, and how to apply. If you would like to nominate a qualified student for consideration, there is also a link for teachers.

Dr. David Julian (Assoc. Professor, Biology Department) is the program director and PI on the NSF grant funding this opportunity. You are welcome to contact him directly with any questions and/or would like to discuss a particular student (djulian@ufl.edu). Another great resource is Ms. Cindy Link, Program Assistant, at clink@ufl.edu or 352-273-0116.