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### ALLIANCE FOR MINORITY PARTICIPATION

# The Houston-Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation

A partnership of:

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## What is the Houston-Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation?

The Houston-Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation, or H-LSAMP, is designed to increase the number of underrepresented students who graduate with bachelor's degrees in the sciences, mathematics, engineering, and technology areas from one of six area universities: University of Houston (UH), Texas Southern University, Southwest Texas State University, UH-Downtown, UH-Victoria, and Rice University.

Students may enroll in the colleges of either the San Jacinto College District, or the Houston Community College System for their first two years, transferring to one of the participating universities to earn a baccalaureate degree. Transfers are contingent upon being admitted to one of the universities.

#### **H-LSAMP Scholars**

- Are members of a group of students recognized for excellence in academic coursework and for ambition to pursue either graduate study or a challenging career.
- Receive a stipend in exchange for providing services related to your field of study, such as mentoring, tutoring, recruiting, or as a workshop facilitator at an H-LSAMP institution.
- Participate in the Collaborative Learning
   Community (CLC) on campus. The CLC focuses
   around a series of excellence workshops in
   mathematics, chemistry, engineering, and physics
   designed to reinforce the education you receive
   in the classroom. These workshops are
   demanding, and are designed to help you
   do well in your courses.

- May have the opportunity to participate in a research experience in your junior or senior year.
- May have internship opportunities with local companies.

#### Expectations of H-LSAMP Scholars

- You must have every intention of graduating from one of the participating universities in no more than five years with a baccalaureate degree in science, mathematics, engineering, computer science, or technology.
- You will be required to attend all assigned workshop sessions and to participate actively.
- You will be expected to assist the CLC program and other H-LSAMP Scholars.
- You must remain a full-time student.
- It is preferred that you work no more than 15 hours per week in a job unrelated to your field of study. Your record will be reviewed annually, and the level of support will be determined largely by progress toward your degree: GPA and hours completed each semester.

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

First-time-in-college students must:

- Submit an application.
- Submit an essay describing your career goal(s), reasons for choosing that career, and what you have done so far to prepare yourself for your career.

- Submit 3 letters of recommendation from your science and math teachers.
- Have at least 3 years of (state core) science courses.
- Have taken mathematics courses through precalculus (elementary functions), calculus preferred
- Rank in top 25% of high school graduating class and/or have a "B" average in your state core courses.
- Have SAT math > 450, SAT verbal > 450, or ACT math > 19, ACT verbal > 19.
- Have a "B" average in your math and science courses.

**Currently Enrolled Students Must:** 

- Have declared a SMET major;
- Have a cumulative GPA > 2.5;
- Have a major GPA > 2.5 (or math/science GPA > 2.5);
- Maintain full-time student status (12 or more semester credit hours);
- Submit 3 letters of recommendation from university or college math, science, or technology instructors; and
- Complete all courses with GPA > 2.5 with no grades below B in math or science courses.

Visit the H-LSAMP website at www.hlsamp.uh.edu