

The Peach State Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation

UGA – LSAMP Membership Criteria and Policies

The UGA Peach State LSAMP program is funded by the National Science Foundation and is designed to recruit, retain, graduate and encourage the pursuit of graduate school within underrepresented minority undergraduate students majoring in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

UGA – LSAMP General Scholars are participants in the program who attend professional development workshops, LSAMP meetings, scientific seminars, opening and closing programs, and social functions. Participants are also eligible for tutoring and GRE Test Prep. LSAMP Scholars are encouraged to attend regional and national research conferences and are required to attend the annual Peach State LSAMP Fall Symposium and Research Conference. During the program, LSAMP Scholars are responsible for completing and returning additional paperwork necessary for verification of community service hours. **General Scholars must participate in no less than 80% of all activities held each semester to remain eligible for their stipend award.** Scholars must notify the Campus Coordinator with at least a week's advance notice of any potential absences and scheduling conflicts with LSAMP programming. If an LSAMP Scholar fails to attend at least 80% of activities, s/he will lose funding and be placed on probationary status. **If a scholar's GPA falls below a 2.75, s/he will lose funding, be placed on probationary status and remain in the program at the discretion of the Campus Coordinator. Scholars must also complete at least 10 hours of community service during the semester. All scholars must re-apply for LSAMP funding each semester.** Stipend award funding is only offered during the Fall and Spring semesters.

UGA – LSAMP Participant (non-funded) are students who attend programs and workshops and are on the **Waitlist**. Students, who have dedicated themselves to LSAMP and remain within the STEM disciplines, will be selected from the waitlist if/when funding becomes available.

Probationary Status

If a scholar is placed on probation, s/he is ineligible for a stipend and must submit a monthly progress report from each of their professors during the following semester. If, after the semester concludes, academic progress is not accomplished, the participant will be released from the program. S/He does have the option of joining the **Waitlist**. If good academic standing (2.75 GPA) is reached, the student must schedule to meet with the Campus Coordinator to discuss future participation and stipend allocation.

UGA – LSAMP Waitlist

As the UGA – LSAMP program becomes more selective, students who are not accepted or who have been placed on probation will have the opportunity to join the waitlist. As students no longer become eligible academically or change their STEM major, waitlisted students will then have the opportunity to join the program as a General or Research Scholar.

Stipend Allocation and Timeline

Merit (Semester/Cumulative GPA):

- Awarded to funded freshmen scholars.....\$200
- Awarded to students with a GPA of **2.75 – 2.99**.....\$200
- Awarded to students with a GPA of **3.00 – 3.49**.....\$350
- Awarded to students with a GPA of **3.50 – 4.00**.....\$500

Stipend allocations will take place at the beginning of each semester (awarded from previous semester), in order to lighten the financial load of book purchases and other school-related expenses.

A General Scholar may not receive more than \$500 in one semester. Please note that all stipend amounts are based on the availability of funds and are subject to change.

UGA – LSAMP Research Scholars are participants in the program who attend the mandatory LSAMP meetings/workshops, opening and closing programs and social functions. Participants are also eligible for tutoring and GRE Test Prep. **Research Scholars are expected to pursue substantial research projects over the course of the program and are required to make a commitment of 10 hours per week to their research each semester.** During the program, participants are responsible for completing and returning additional paperwork necessary for verification of research completion. **If a Research Scholar's GPA falls**

below a 3.0 and/or s/he fails to complete research guidelines, they will be placed on probationary status and will remain in the program at the discretion of the Campus Coordinator. **Research Scholars must participate in no less than 80% of all activities held each semester to remain eligible for their stipend award.** Scholars must notify the Campus Coordinator of any potential absences and scheduling conflicts with LSAMP programming. If an LSAMP Scholar fails to attend at least 80% of activities, s/he will be placed on probationary status. **All scholars must re-apply for LSAMP funding each semester.**

Stipend Allocation and Timeline

Merit (Semester/Cumulative GPA):

- Awarded to students with a GPA of **3.00 – 3.49**.....\$500
- Awarded to students with a GPA of **3.50 – 4.00**.....\$750

Stipend allocations will take place at the beginning of each semester (awarded from previous semester), in order to lighten the financial load of book purchases and other school-related expenses.

A Research Scholar may not receive more than \$750 in one semester. Please note that all stipend amounts are based on the availability of funds and are subject to change.

UGA – LSAMP Advisory Committee members are participants within the LSAMP program who serve as representatives throughout the academic year. The Advisory Committee's charge is to assist in planning workshops and other necessary programs/activities for LSAMP participants and staff/faculty. Nominations and selections for each year's committee will occur during the spring semester.

UGA – LSAMP Research & General Scholars are expected to:

1. Remain a full-time (enrolled in 12 hours/semester) undergraduate student at the University of Georgia.
2. Pursue a degree in a STEM discipline and remain in good academic standing (2.75 GPA minimum).
3. Attend all LSAMP program meetings, workshops, and seminars.
4. Attend the Annual Peach State LSAMP Fall Symposium and Research Conference and present any research conducted during the previous semesters.
5. Maintain open communication with the LSAMP Campus Coordinator.
6. Complete and turn in all paperwork on time, as designated by the Campus Coordinator.
7. Visit the LSAMP Office at least twice a semester (unless otherwise specified) and sign-in during each visit to document your visit.
8. Make sure your file within the office is current and up-to-date at the beginning of each semester.

UGA – LSAMP General and Research Scholars are encouraged to build both social and academic networks with one another and with members of the University of Georgia community. Go Dawgs!

Full-Time Status of LSAMP Funded Scholars

Students must remain at full-time status (enrolled in 12 hours/semester) to be considered an active LSAMP participant. If a student is unable to maintain full-time status, he/she must notify the Campus Coordinator immediately. Students who do not maintain this status each semester will be considered inactive, and a withdrawal of his/her stipend will automatically occur.

GPA Requirements

Students must continue to pursue satisfactory academic progress and remain in good standing with the program and the University. A student who completes a semester with a GPA (both semester and cumulative) below a 2.75 will be advised to discontinue any activities that may be interfering with their academic pursuits. The student must seek extra assistance in order to maintain their academic progress. Students will be placed on probation and must meet with the LSAMP Campus Coordinator to discuss probationary terms and stipend allocation.