LSAMP PROGRAM

California State University (CSU) Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Student Participation (LSAMP) in STEM Program

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The CSU-LSAMP Program is designed to support undergraduate students who face or have faced social, educational and/or economic barriers to careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. The goal of the CSU-LSAMP Program is to increase the persistence and graduation rates of students from underrepresented groups who major in STEM disciplines. To accomplish this goal, the CSU-LSAMP Program at Cal Poly provides advising, community-building activities, professional development opportunities, and financial assistance to support successful transitions to Cal Poly and to careers in STEM fields. The LSAMP program emphasizes activities designed to enhance graduate school and career preparedness, including undergraduate research experiences, support for community college transfer students in STEM, and opportunities for student participation in academic conferences and international activities. The CSU-LSAMP is supported by the National Science Foundation (NSF) under Grant No. HRD-1302873 and the CSU Chancellor’s Office.

To be eligible for financial assistance, students must face or have faced social, educational and/or economic barriers to careers in STEM; be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident; and be enrolled at Cal Poly in an eligible STEM major. Examples of social, educational, and/or economic barriers include: a first generation college student; California community college transfer student; low income (as represented by Pell Grant, EOP, or SSS eligibility or via eligibility for need-based financial aid); a U.S. military veteran; disability-eligible based on documentation from the Disability Resource Center; a graduate of a Cal Poly Partner High School; and being a member of a racial-ethnic group that is recognized by the National Science Foundation as “historically underrepresented in STEM: African American, Hispanic American, American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Native Pacific Islanders.” Please see for more information and to apply online at http://lsamp.calpoly.edu/.