Postbaccalaureate Scholars [1]

Gateways to Graduate Schools
Cambridge, Massachusetts, United States

Program Overview
The Postbaccalaureate Scholars Program is a 2-year experience at Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research (NIBR) in Cambridge, Massachusetts. It is designed to provide research training opportunities for highly talented students from historically underserved communities, to gain research experience and increase their competitiveness for top biomedical PhD and MD/PhD programs. This includes first-generation college students, socioeconomically disadvantaged students, individuals with learning differences, and under-represented minorities. Scholars will perform independent research with a dedicated scientific mentor, as well as participate in career panels, seminar series, and graduate school preparations.

Programming
As a Scholar, you will work on your own project with the guidance of a NIBR scientist as well as participate in professional development and social activities:

- Scientific excellence: performing innovative and interdisciplinary basic research to deepen your understanding of scientific concepts.
- Scientific communication: sharing your research at local seminars and national conferences; evaluating scientific articles in a fun and interactive setting.
- Professional development: engaging in graduate/professional school preparations; participating in a thriving community of scholars and mentors.
- Academic partnerships: fostering collegial interactions with partner institutions and at welcome & farewell events; enrolling in foundational coursework and working with an external faculty advisor at a prestigious local university.

Eligibility
Students nearing the completion of their undergraduate studies (in biological sciences, chemistry, computational sciences, biomedical engineering, or pharmacology) and individuals within one year of completing their bachelor's degree are eligible to apply. Students should have a strong desire to pursue a PhD or MD/PhD in the biological sciences, chemistry, or computational sciences. Candidates should have a GPA of at least 3.3 out of a 4.0 scale. Applicants must attend a university in a US state or territory and be eligible to work in the United States. Current PhD, MD students are not eligible.
Pay

This is a paid research opportunity. Pay is competitive with local first-year graduate student stipends.

Housing and Travel

Housing assistance for 30 days, as well as initial travel to the research site, will be provided for students living greater than 50 miles away from the research site. Scholars with local permanent address will not qualify for assistance.

Application Process

Deadlines

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<td>February - March 2019</td>
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Online application

You must apply online using the link below. Please note that this is a multi-step process which includes a Cover Letter Form, Curriculum Vitae (CV) Form, Application, 3 letters of recommendation, and an official transcript. Please view the program application instructions below for details. All application materials must be received by the deadline.

- [Apply to Postbaccalaureate Scholars Program](#)
- [Curriculum Vitae (CV) Worksheet (86 kb)](#)
- [Cover Letter Worksheet (68 kb)](#)
- [Program Application Instructions (103 kb)](#)

Interviews

If selected, candidates will have an initial phone interview with a member of the Postbaccalaureate Scholars program team. The second stage includes an on-site visit during which the candidate meets with potential mentors, current Postbaccalaureate scholars, and the Postbaccalaureate Scholars Program team.

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