MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH ACS Project SEED

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Making a Difference through ACS Project SEED

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Project SEED – Fifty years and Counting

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• **SEED** – Summer Experiences for the Economically Disadvantaged
• Offers paid, hands-on, research opportunities for high school students from low-income households
• Offers one-year and renewable scholarships for **30+** students each year
• **Over 400** students across the U.S. participate each year, **over 10,000** participants since the program’s inception
• **Over 500** people volunteer to serve as coordinators, mentors, or additional support for the many sites across the U.S. and U.S. territories each year
How is Project SEED Funded?

SEED Student Stipends - $1.37 MM for Summer 2019

- Corporate contributions
- Member and donor contributions
- Project SEED Endowment Interest
- ACS contributions
- Local Matching Funds (more to come on this topic)
Student Eligibility Criteria

• Student must be enrolled in high school
• Student must have taken at least one chemistry course
• Student’s family must qualify as low-income (200% of Federal Poverty Guideline for family size)
• A SEED program must be available in your location (check the website)
• Be sure to check the website for any updated information on eligibility criteria
Student Benefits

- Paid work for 8-10 weeks of participation
- Meaningful research opportunities and exposure to chemistry-related fields
- Mentoring and coaching opportunities to prepare for college
- Opportunity to present research at a poster session
- Opportunity to apply for Project SEED Scholarships if pursuing a chemistry-related degree

Project SEED Students at NYITCOM College of Osteopathic Medicine at Arkansas State University.
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How to Start a Site

Project SEED Roles

- **Coordinator:** This person serves as the representative of the SEED site, manages paperwork, identifying students, and identifying matching funds*

- **Mentor:** Works directly with the student on the research project. Provides the abstract and a short description of what the student will be doing in the lab.

- **Co-Mentors/Support/Liaisons:** Help with the day-to-day supervision responsibilities of the student. Can be post-docs, graduate students, undergraduate students, or technologists.

Getting Started

- Go the Project SEED website and fill out the link to show interest
- Review the information on the “Coordinate a Program” page of the website
- Build your team

- Reach out to your ACS Local Section to see if there is support available (financial, programming, etc.)
- Contact potential people at your campus to serve as a mentor. Ask them to prepare an abstract and summary of the project the student will work on.
- Identify a high school teacher, principal, counselor, or school district science leader to advertise to their students

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[Website](http://www.acs.org/projectseed)
Interested in participating, but don’t have the means to host an entire site? See if there is a nearby SEED site and consider doing one of the following:

- **Host Project SEED students** in your area for a quick tour of your site/campus
- **Volunteer to help another site** with recruitment or management of their SEED site
- **Volunteer to talk to the students** about career paths in chemistry, what the college experience is like, or any number of topics
- **Email** [Projectseed@acs.org](mailto:Projectseed@acs.org) to get connected with a coordinator
Your **entire donation** supports a student research stipend.

- **$2,500** per student for first summer
- **$3,000** per student for second summer

ACS pays all administrative costs.
Donating to ACS Project SEED

Project SEED College Scholarships

$5,000 per year for student majoring in the chemical sciences.

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Funding for the program comes from Project SEED sites as well as:

- Individuals
- Corporations
- Foundations
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Ways to Donate:

- Voluntary contribution via ACS dues renewal form
- Online credit card payment
- Check mailed to ACS
- Donor Advised Fund recommendation
- IRAs or securities
- Gift in honor or memory
- Matching funds through employer

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LIVE Q&A
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