Project SEED
A Paid, Hands-on, Internship Program for High School Students

Project SEED (Summer Experiences for the Economically Disadvantaged) is an American Chemical Society (ACS) internship program for high school students. Each summer, 400+ students across the United States and U.S. Territories are matched with mentors/research advisors at university, industrial, and government labs for 8-10 weeks. Over 11,000 students have participated in the program since 1968.

Student Eligibility Requirements
- Interested in chemistry/science
- Qualify as low-income based on program criteria (refer to website for more information)
- Successfully completed at least one course of high school chemistry
- Note that some sites may require students aged 16 or older

Why You Should Apply
- Get meaningful, hands-on, lab experience in a university, government, or industry setting
- Learn about potential chemistry-related careers and see first-hand how scientists do their work
- Use the experience to build your college personal statement and recommendation letters
- Apply for college scholarships that can award up to $20,000 for 8 college semesters
- Earn at least $3,200 for 8-10 weeks of work, ~40 hours per week

What to Expect
- Work on a scientific research project under supervision of a mentor
- Mentors will help students meet research objectives, give feedback, and foster growth
- Students must be able to commute to the lab site daily (no overnight/sleep-away accommodations)
- Opportunities to present research poster at local and national ACS meetings
- Opportunity to return for a second summer of research and receive $3,800 stipend

College Scholarships
- Students must complete at least one summer of Project SEED and submit an application
- Students must intend to pursue a chemistry-related major and career to be eligible
- One year and multi-year scholarships worth up to $20,000 over 4 years

How to Apply
- Create an online profile at www.seed.acs.org
- Complete the online application and follow up with any site-specific requirements (such as interviews, essays, transcripts, etc.)
- If you have any questions reach out to our office at projectseed@acs.org

Apply Online
March 1 - April 31

$3,200 Stipend

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