One mission of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute of General Medical Science (NIGMS) is to conduct and support research and research training. A critical aspect of this is the development of a highly skilled research workforce. To compete successfully, the United States needs to ensure a diverse science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) workforce that is well-educated and trained.

The long term goal of the South Texas Doctoral Bridge Program is to enhance the pool of students from groups nationally underrepresented in biomedical and behavioral sciences who undertake research careers in these fields.

The specific objective of this program is to develop and implement an integrated plan, tailored for each Bridge student that provides both support and institutional activities that will enhance their development of appropriate academic and research skills enabling them to competitively pursue the doctorate degree in biomedical and behavioral sciences.

Who is Eligible?

To become part of the South Texas Doctoral Bridge Program, students must meet all of the following criteria:

- U.S. citizen or permanent resident, or non-citizen national
- Enrollment in an eligible master’s program at Texas State University; e.g. biochemistry, biology, or others (see website)
- Identification as a member of one or more groups specifically identified by the NIH as underrepresented in biomedicine (see website)
- GPA of 3.0 in undergraduate or graduate studies
Who We Are

The South Texas Doctoral Bridge Program seeks to enhance the pool of underrepresented groups in biomedicine who go on to research careers in their fields and who participate in NIH-funded research.

The program is a partnership between Texas State University (a master's degree granting institution) and the University of Texas Health Science Center of San Antonio (a doctoral degree granting institution) to enable joint efforts that will provide students with the necessary academic preparation and skills to facilitate their transition and successful completion of the doctorate degree in biomedical or behavioral sciences.

Financial Support

- Tuition support for up to two years
- Graduate research stipend of $19,000+ annually
- Travel funds of up to $1,500 to present research results at scientific conferences

Professional Development

- Faculty and peer mentoring
- Individualized career guidance
- GRE preparation
- Interview preparation
- Professional scientific and academic networking

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How to Apply

Apply to an eligible master’s program at Texas State University:

www.applytexas.org

Download and complete the Bridge Program application form at:

SouthTXDocBridge.org

Email the completed application form to:

SouthTXDocBridge@txstate.edu

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