Bridges to Biomedicine is a program that provides academic, scientific, and career development to community college students from groups federally recognized as underrepresented in biomedical research.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute of General Medical Science (NIGMS) recognizes that in order for The United States to remain a leader economically and an innovator in science and industry, we must have a workforce that is diverse, well educated and trained in the latest scientific and technological methods.

The objective of this program is to implement an integrated plan for each Bridge student that provides research experience and the academic counseling and advising needed to ensure the student remains on track for transfer and completion of a bachelor’s degree in a field relevant to biomedical research.

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Who is Eligible?

In order to be considered for participation in this program, the student must meet the following criteria:

- Be a member of a group that has been shown to be underrepresented in biomedical research including certain racial and ethnic groups, persons with disabilities, and persons from disadvantaged backgrounds
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, or non-citizen national
- Be a full time student in good standing at San Antonio College or Northwest Vista College majoring in a field relevant to biomedical research
- Have an intention to transfer to a university to obtain a bachelor's degree in a biomedically relevant field
- Possess college ready skills in math and English as demonstrated by testing or completion of all developmental math and English courses
- Currently have a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale

What Does the Program Provide?

The program provides the following benefits to students chosen for the Bridges program:

- Competitive wages for work as an undergraduate research assistant during the school year (part time) and during the summer (full time)
- Travel funds for presenting research at state or national meetings
- Personalized advising, academic support, and career mentoring from faculty
- Peer mentoring from university students studying science
- Academic and professional development activities designed to support the student as he or she continues in biomedical education

What do we expect of Bridges Students?

- Perform paid undergraduate research 5-10 hours per week during the academic year
- Participate in a full time paid research program during the summer months in residence at Texas State University
- Maintain a minimum GPA of 2.8
- Record all grades and all work time weekly in a format provided by program
- Participate in all Bridges functions and activities
- Attend weekly Bridges meetings

How to Apply:

Application forms and detailed information are available online at: www.xiphophorus.txstate.edu/education/bridges-to-biomed.html

Email questions to: bridges2biomedicine@gmail.com