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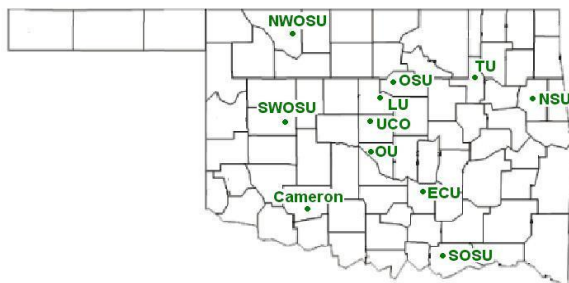
# OK-LSAMP

The Oklahoma Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (OK-LSAMP) is designed for students majoring in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) fields. Funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF), the LSAMP program began in 1994 when Oklahoma institutions of higher education joined forces to significantly increase the recruitment, enrollment and retention of under-represented minority students in STEM disciplines.

The LSAMP program is named after retired Ohio Congressman Louis Stokes, who is responsible for numerous minority focused programs through the NSF and the National Institute of Health (NIH).

The Oklahoma program nurtures and assists students through the undergraduate program while creating opportunities for students to pursue graduate degrees in their selected STEM disciplines.

OK-LSAMP scholars are provided with opportunities to interact with faculty and scientists, participate in research activities, present at national conferences, and prepare for the transition into graduate programs or the workforce.



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## Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation



# MENTOR (OK-LSAMP)

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# BENEFITS & REQUIREMENTS

## Benefits

Mentor benefits of the OK-LSAMP program include, but are not limited to:

- ✦ Opportunity to aid in the growth of an OK-LSAMP Scholar
- ✦ Undergraduate Scholar to assist with research projects
- ✦ Opportunity to develop OK-LSAMP Scholar research abilities
- ✦ Opportunity to develop OK-LSAMP Scholar presentation skills
- ✦ Enhance your leadership, teaching, and coaching skills and become a more reflexive practitioner
- ✦ Build networking connections in a wide range of disciplines and institutions
- ✦ Assist in the progression of under-represented minorities in STEM fields

## Requirements

- ✦ Have an interest in working with undergraduates
- ✦ Have a research project on which undergraduate assistance would be welcomed
- ✦ Research to be conducted in a qualifying field of study
- ✦ Interested in aiding the growth of knowledge and research skills of an undergraduate
- ✦ Interested in promoting STEM in underrepresented communities
- ✦ Interested in encouraging undergraduates to pursue graduate degrees
- ✦ Participation and contribution to program activities

# RESPONSIBILITIES

Mentors are expected to:

- ✦ Serve as a positive role model
- ✦ Provide encouragement and skillful feedback
- ✦ Provide a safe and well equipped research environment
- ✦ Teach research procedures; work closely with mentee to stimulate research thought processes and future projects
- ✦ Guide mentee in the development of research projects – draw out ideas from the mentee and help to build on them
- ✦ Inform mentee of research opportunities
- ✦ Advise mentee on opportunities to present research at local, state, regional, and national conferences
- ✦ Guide mentee with publication opportunities and procedures for submitting publications
- ✦ Provide leadership and opportunities for discipline specific networking
- ✦ Communicate with OK-LSAMP office in regard to mentee's progress
- ✦ Communicate with the OK-LSAMP office in regard to research, internship, and presentation opportunities for mentee as well as other Scholars
- ✦ If schedule permits, attend the OK-LSAMP Annual Research Symposium held on the Oklahoma State University, Stillwater campus (Note: Scholars are required to present)
- ✦ If schedule permits, attend Scholars Meetings
- ✦ Attend Mentor Meetings (1-2 times per year)
- ✦ Commit to a semester or academic term

# SCHOLAR RESPONSIBILITIES WITH MENTOR OVERSIGHT

Scholars will be required to complete the following tasks with guidance from and approval of the mentor.

- ✦ Create a Research Outline that Includes:
  - Cover Sheet Signed by the Mentor
  - Title/Research Focus
  - Methods
  - Equipment/Materials
  - Data Collection/Analysis
  - Results/Conclusions
- ✦ Write a Progress Report that Includes:
  - Cover Sheet Signed by the Mentor
  - Actions/Research Conducted
  - Progress on Project
  - Description of Next Step (could be a continuation of the current project or that the project is complete)
- ✦ Communicate to the OK-LSAMP office presentations to be made and conferences to be attended

Note: The Research Outline and Progress Reports are required each semester. If the research conducted is for a class, copies of the reports required for the class may be submitted for the reports required by the OK-LSAMP program.

