

Department of Energy Research Scholarships
in
Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math
(STEM)
for
Graduate and Undergraduate Students
at
The University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus

In an endeavor with the Department of Energy, Savanna River (DoE-SR), the University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez (UPRM) is providing funds for scholarships aimed at enhancing the human resources in relevant science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines. UPRM/DoE-SR Research Scholarships will be awarded to graduate and undergraduate students at UPRM who demonstrate superior academic achievement in the relevant fields.

Request for Applications (RFA)

Undergraduate Scholarships

- Request for applications for undergraduate scholarships is opened for spring and summer 2009 scholarships. Applications will be accepted until November 14, 2008. See instructions for more details on application.

Graduate Scholarships (**Not opened for application until spring 2009**)

- Request for applications is not opened during this period. It will be opened again in spring 2009 for scholarships given in fall 2009.

Application Deadline Extended to November 14, 2008 for Undergraduate Scholarship Application

Eligibility

The UPRM/DoE-SR scholarship is limited to:

- UPRM students (B.S., M.S., Ph.D.) in all STEM areas, regardless of nationality, race, gender, age, or disability.
- Individuals with evidence of academic achievement (such as grade point average, class rank, honors or other designations), Students must have good standing at UPRM and a GPA of 3.0 out of a 4.0 scale.

Stipend and Benefits

- Graduate Students
 - Students will receive \$2,300/semester during the academic semesters and \$1,000/month for the summer period.
 - Graduate tuition up to \$1500 per semester
 - Scholarships will be given up to a full year, provided that good progress is attained.
- Undergraduate Students
 - \$1,300/semester and \$600/month for the summer period

Criteria for Selection

Applications will be evaluated using academic records, essays, letters of recommendation, the application itself, and other appropriate materials as the basis for determining the extent to which candidates meet the eligibility requirements and the selection criteria.

The following will be considered as positive factors in choosing successful candidates:

- Evidence of superior academic achievement
- Degree of promise of continuing achievement
- Participation in research activities
- Faculty sponsorship
- Commitment to advancing the knowledge and practice in STEM areas relevant to DoE-SR

Reviewers may also look at additional factors such as viability of proposed research activity, student's financial needs for degree completion, time for degree completion, and others.

Conditions of Fellowships

- Scholarship recipients must be registered full-time students in good standing at UPRM during the scholarship period. They are required to be enrolled full-time program leading to B.S., M.S., or Ph.D. degree in a STEM field of study.
- Recipients must participate in research activities during the scholarship period. Research activities must be sponsored by a UPRM faculty in the field of study.
- Recipients must participate in activities sponsored by the UPRM/DoE-SR program
- Recipients must present their work in at least 1 local, regional, national, or international meeting peer scholarship periods

Applications Instructions

Application – Deadline Extended to November 14, 2008

You must submit the following documents. Incomplete applications will be disqualified and will not be considered for a scholarship.

1. Application Form – Fill and print application forms
2. **Academic Transcripts** - All applicants must submit one (1) official transcript from each college and university attended for work completed prior to fall 2008. Transcripts should be received no later than November 21, 2008. **It is the responsibility of the students to make sure that the transcript is received by the established date.**
3. Faculty Sponsorship Form – All students must be sponsored by a UPRM faculty member, who will supervise the research work conducted by the student. The sponsorship does not have to involve financial commitment. Faculty sponsors will have to fill out an evaluation/progress at the end of each academic term. **It is the responsibility of the student scholarship recipient to provide the faculty sponsor with the evaluation form, and submit it to the scholarship program office in a sealed enveloped at the end of each scholarship term.**
4. Two Letters of Recommendations – Provide two (2) letters of references using the Reference Form. One of the references may be from your faculty research sponsor. At least one of the references must be from a UPRM faculty member. **It is the responsibility of the students to make sure that the letters of recommendations are submitted on time.**

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