

# STARS

## Student Achievement in Research and Scholarship

### PURPOSE

The STARS Program has been with the University of Cincinnati for over a decade and continues its successful history of preparing students for graduate school through its new partnership and support from the President's Diversity Council. The Ohio Board of Regents and the Regents' Advisory Committee on Graduate Study (RACGS) recognized the critical need for increasing Ohio's pool of prepared faculty and, thus, in 1991 created the STARS Program (Student Achievement in Research and Scholarship).

The program was designed to provide support for high achieving undergraduates from either/or low-income households; first generation; from an underrepresented ethnic group for graduate school and ultimately for a career in the professoriate.

### BENEFITS

The STARS Scholars Program offers undergraduate students:

- The opportunity to conduct scholarly research
- Receive faculty mentoring and shadowing
- Participate in campus-based STARS workshops and seminars
- Staff support through academic advising and counseling, supplemental instruction and feedback
- Networking opportunities
- Opportunity to write for publication
- Graduate school application assistance
- Discover and evaluate options for graduate study

### STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Students are referred for participation in STARS by faculty members or are recruited by STARS program staff members. To be accepted into the program students must demonstrate that they are goal oriented, highly motivated and high achieving. They must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on 4.0 scale and maintain a 3.0 GPA for continued participation. Students must be able to identify a faculty mentor or potential mentor. Participating students are required to complete a scholarly research project, attend and present their research project at the Undergraduate Conference: Research, Scholarship & Creative Works.

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