Greetings!

Thank you for your interest in the State University System (SUS) Summer Program for Minority Graduate and Professional Students. The SUS program is administered by the Associate Provost and Dean. The application deadline is 5:00 p.m. on April 15.

**WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE SUMMER PROGRAM?** The SUS Summer Program for Minority Graduate and Professional Students is designed to acquaint students with graduate/professional opportunities and benefits derived from graduate and/or professional education. Students will develop skills needed to be successful in graduate school. Students will receive graduate level credit for those graduate courses they successfully complete. The Program is designed to orient students to graduate study at Florida A&M University (FAMU), by familiarizing them with FAMU’s graduate programs, methods of instruction, the faculty, administrative officers, counselors, and with the admissions, registration and financial aid procedures.

**WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM?**

1) To increase the awareness and motivation of minority (American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian Pacific Islander, Black and Hispanic) students, with academic potential, to pursue graduate and/or professional education;

2) To acquaint minority students of the many opportunities that are available to minorities with graduate education in fields, such as social sciences arts and humanities, environmental sciences, engineering, public health, education, software engineering, physics, biology, chemistry, agricultural sciences, entomology, architecture, pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences, and business administration.

3) To increase enrollment in these programs, leading to one of the master's or doctoral programs offered by Florida A&M University; and to provide counseling and academic advisement to students so that they can successfully complete prerequisite course work for graduate admissions.

**WHEN WILL THE PROGRAM BE HELD? SUMMER TERM(S): “A”, “B”, and “C”.**
The dates for current summer terms can be found at: [http://www.famu.edu/index.cfm?Registrar&Calendars](http://www.famu.edu/index.cfm?Registrar&Calendars).

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE PROGRAM?** The Summer Orientation Program is open to all qualified students, but it is designed primarily for minority college seniors or postgraduates, who are underrepresented in the above-mentioned fields, and especially in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. The purpose of the program is to acquaint students with the opportunities that exist for them to pursue graduate or professional studies at FAMU.

**WHAT DOES ONE DO IN THE PROGRAM?** Each student must register and successfully complete six (6) hours of 5000 or above graduate course work and participate in the (a) Program Orientation; (b) Fellows’
Meetings; (c) Professional Development Seminars; and (d) the Program Evaluation.

**WHAT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE?** Each participant in the SUS Summer Program shall receive a stipend **up to $1,375** and **up to 6** graduate credit hours of tuition waivers. NOTE: The program will not be responsible for paying any other fees; this will be the responsibility of the students. In order to receive the aforementioned full stipend and tuition waiver, the student must complete all program requirements. Each fellow must have a completed **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. The previous and current academic year FAFSA must be completed and on file in the Office of Financial Aid in order to receive funding.

**WHAT ARE THE SUMMER PROGRAM APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS?**
In order to qualify for this program, you should be a graduating senior or a recent graduate, who **has not begun a graduate program or has a graduate degree**, but who is a **Florida resident**, for at least one year, and has been admitted to attend a FAMU graduate program on the main campus. Admission to the SUS Summer Orientation Program will be based on a completed, typed application package that consists of the following **due on or before 5:00 p.m., April 15:**

1) Application for SUS Summer Program.
2) Submit **transcripts** with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better for the last 60 credit hours (attach official transcripts from all non-FAMU colleges or universities. Students with a GPA less than 3.0 and with a high probability of succeeding **may** be selected to take prerequisites or major courses;
3) Submit **GRE or GMAT** test score.
4) A **one-page Personal Statement** outlining the following:
   a) Your reason(s) for pursuing graduate study at FAMU;
   b) Year of summer semester in which you are applying;
   c) Your career objectives;
   d) Discuss internships, research, publications, and/or service activities that you have conducted that relate to your career goals, include recent positions held, responsibilities, and dates of tenure; and,
   e) How will this fellowship assist you with your goals?
   f) **Printed Name, Signed Name, and Date**
5) **Signed one-page letter of recommendation** from two (2) persons who can attest to your potential for graduate study (e.g. faculty advisors, instructors, and/or employers). The letters should have the signature, date, title, email address and phone number of the recommender. The following must be addressed:
   a) Applicant’s potential for graduate study;
   b) Capacity and length of time knowing the applicant;
   c) Ability to work with others;
   d) Emotional stability;
   e) Leadership potential; and,
   f) Initiative.

Thank you,
The School of Graduate Studies and Research

**NOTE: Incomplete applications will not be processed.**

The SUS Summer Application and original documents must be mailed or delivered to:
Graduate Studies and Research
515 Orr Drive, Tucker Hall Suite 469
Tallahassee, Florida 32307
Copies can be email to: graduatestudies@famu.edu
SUS SUMMER APPLICATION

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I certify that the above information is complete and accurate. I also understand that if my application is incomplete and supporting documents are not attached, my application will not be processed. I also understand that submission of this application does not guarantee acceptance into the SUS program.

Print Name  
Sign Name  
Date

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