Florida A&M University

2015 SUS SUMMER ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR MINORITY GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS

Application Deadline: 5 p.m. on March 31, 2015 (TYPED Application only)

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 pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences, environmental sciences, engineering, public health, education, software engineering, physics, biology, chemistry, agricultural sciences, entomology, architecture, business administration, social work, and psychology; STEM disciplines will be given priority.
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” May 11 - June 19, 2015; “B” June 29 - August 7, 2015; and/or “C” May 11 - August 7, 2015

HOW IS THE PROGRAM ADMINISTERED?
The program is administered by the Dean’s Office, Graduate Studies and Research, which is located in Suite 469, Tucker Hall; Telephone number: (850) 599-3505; or e-mail: gradstudies@famu.edu

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 graduate course work and participate in (i) the Program Orientation; (ii) Fellows’ meetings; (iii) Professional Development seminars; and (iv) the Program Evaluation.

WHAT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE?
Each participant in the SUS Summer Program shall receive a stipend of $1,375 and 6 cr. hr. of in-state 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.

WHAT ARE THE SUMMER PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS? NOTE: Incomplete applications will not be processed.
Admission to the SUS Summer Orientation Program will be based on a completed, typed application package that consists of (i) your previous academic record and admittance to graduate school (e.g. transcripts with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better for the last 60 cr. hr.); GRE/GMAT score. Students, with GPAs less than 3.0 and with a high probability of succeeding, may be selected to take prerequisites or major courses. (ii) A one-page Personal Statement (use form provided) outlining your career goals and how the Fellowship will help you achieve these goals; and (iii) two signed letters of recommendation (use form provided), persons, who are familiar with your potential for graduate study (e.g. faculty advisors or instructors, and employers).