

OLC Math & Science Department Student Support Agreement – Fall 2010

Dear Math/Science students and OLC staff,

This letter serves as a follow up on questions received about Math and Science student support over the semester. Our OLC Financial Aid Office and NSF have been required to make some changes to their awarding and reporting functions, and thus we have also needed to make some programmatic changes.

Math/Science Support and Financial Aid

The OLC Financial Aid Office is required to estimate the level of support for Math/Science students. For the Fall 2010 semester, this figure is a single number for ALL math/science students. This estimate includes all grants, scholarships, and internship opportunities available for math/science students. The categories for support are as follows:

A. math/science students receiving basic support:

These students will only be eligible for the basic level of support. Their revised estimate from the financial aid office will be for \$1,500 per year.

B. math/science interns:

These interns are eligible for AMP and other forms of math/science support. The revised estimate of support will be based on the average level of intern support for the Fall 2010 semester.

At present, we have three levels of Math/Science support:

1. The basic level provides up to \$750 in tuition support.
2. The AMP scholar level, which is available to interns who have worked at least 40 hours over the semester as interns for the Math & Science Department, provides an additional scholarship of up to \$1,800 per year (\$900 per semester) for those interns who have met the other AMP eligibility requirements.
3. The platinum level of support is available for interns who have worked as math/science interns for at least 100 hours over the semester. These interns are eligible for an additional \$750 bonus if they have met the eligibility requirements.

The details of the various support levels are discussed below.

Eligibility Guidelines for Basic Level of Support

1. Declare a Math/Science major (i.e. Life Science, SEM, Natural or Environmental Science, Natural Resources, Information Technology) with the Office of the Registrar.
2. Enroll for the Fall 2010 semester.
3. Complete Math 134 (Intermediate Algebra) level by the end of the semester.
4. Complete a one page typed personal essay addressing the following subject areas:
 - a. Why did you choose your field of study?
 - b. What are your educational and post-educational goals?
 - c. Evaluate your past scholastic performance and describe any obstacles you may have faced as a student.
 - d. Describe how the math/science internship has helped you to achieve your personal and professional goals?

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- e. Any other information that you feel will enhance your chances of being selected for math/science support.
- Students new to Math and Science Student Support also need to provide two current letters of endorsement:
1. one from an OLC instructor and
 2. a second from a community member, high school counselor, principal, or OLC college staff

Application Procedure

- 1) Print your personal essay.
- 2) Print your grade report for the Spring 2010 semester, student schedule for the Fall 2010 semester, and your course history from the Jenzabar web portal.
- 3) Fax or drop off a paper copy of: your personal essay, signed application form, grade report for the Spring 2010 semester, student schedule for the Fall 2010 semester, your course history, and letters of support to 605-455-2603.

Competitive Criteria for Student Support

Note: we have scholarships available for a maximum of 24 students in Fall 2010

- Quality of personal essay
- Spring 2010 semester GPA
- Satisfactory completion of math and science courses
- Participation in math and science internships in the Spring 2010 semester
- Attendance at Math and Science meetings during the Spring 2010 semester
- Turning in a completed application before Wednesday, August 25, 2010

Guidelines for ANSLAMP Scholarships for the Fall 2010 semester

The **All Nations Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (ANSLAMP)** program supports STEM students engaged in research or research-related activities. The revised AMP documentation is available at the OLC Math and Science website. **Note: only students who are receiving Math and Science support are eligible for the ANSLAMP Scholarship**

The revised AMP scholarship guidelines are as follows:

- Completion of the revised ANSLAMP scholarship documentation for the Fall 2010 semester by December 17, 2010
- Proof of internship of greater than 40 hours between the dates of August 30th – December 17th
- Official Transcripts for the Spring 2010 semester with a GPA of greater than 2.5.
- **ANSLAMP scholarships will be awarded after Final Grades are submitted**

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Guidelines for the TCUP student bonus (\$750) for the Fall 2010 semester

The TCUP student bonus is a scholarship of \$750 for our top interns. We will email interns with status towards the TCUP student bonus. We will try to have checks out to interns who have met eligibility requirements by December 17th. Interns who have not met the first date will have until January 18th to meet the 100-hour requirement. The eligibility requirements for the platinum internship are:

- Proof of internship of greater than 100 hours between the dates of August 15th - January 18th.
- Proof of a Fall 2010 semester GPA of greater than 3.0 as computed by the OLC registrar.
- Completion of all Math and Science courses with a B or better.
- Attended 75% of monthly science meetings during the Fall 2010 semester (unless you had classes during meeting times).

Note: if you have an outstanding bill with Oglala Lakota College, student services will apply up to half of the TCUP student bonus towards your outstanding bill.

If you have any questions after reading this letter, please feel free to email your questions to the Environmental Services Coordinator at the following email address: mcatchesenemy@olc.edu