MARC U-STAR Honors Program APPLICATION

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MARC (Minority Access to Research Careers)
U-STAR (Undergraduate Student Training in Academic Research) Program

The Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) program at Savannah State University, funded by the National Institute of Health, is designed to provide research laboratory training, fellowship support, an enriched curriculum and career guidance to high achieving minority students interested in biomedical research at the PhD level. MARC trainees work under the direct supervision of preceptors who are Savannah State faculty with active research programs.

If you meet the requirements and would like to apply for the MARC U-STAR Honors Program, please deliver or mail your application and a copy of your transcripts to:

Alexa Schider
Savannah State University
3219 College Street, PO Box 40289
Hubert Hall A, Room 104
Savannah, GA 31404

Requirements:

- Junior with Good Academic Standing – GPA 3.25+
- Major in a STEM discipline (Behavioral Analysis, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics or Marine Science)
- Interested in STEM Research & Pathway to Graduate School & Research Career
- United States Citizen, Non-citizen National or Permanent Resident

The Scholarship Committee will begin reviewing applications Spring 2013.
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I. Background Information

Name: __________________________________________________________________________

Email: __________________________________________ SSU #: _________________________

Permanent Address: __________________________________________________________________________

City:_________________________________________State:__________________Zip:__________

Telephone: __________________    Date of Application: _________________________

Citizenship/Immigration Status (Circle one: US Citizen/Permanent Resident/International Student)

Race:  □ American Indian/Alaska Native   □ Black or African American
       □ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander   □ White   □ Asian

II. Educational Information

Major: ____________________________

Current G.P.A.: __________________

Expected Date of Graduation: ______

III. Extracurricular Activities

List any extracurricular activities, awards, special recognition, achievements in sports/athletics,
special interests, hobbies, etc.

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IV. **Recommendations**

Three references you have asked to write recommendation letters: (Current college students should submit letters from the program coordinator of your discipline, a faculty member, and a former high school teacher or counselor. Current high school students should submit letters from high school principal or counselor and from teachers).

Name: __________________________________________________________________________

Email: ____________________________

Street Address: ________________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: _______________ Zip: __________

Telephone: _______________________

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V. **Personal Statement** (attach a separate page)

a. Complete a personal statement which states the following:
   - Brief summary of any your research experiences (in or outside of the classroom)
   - Background information - Your family, education and community background
   - Your career objectives – Please explain how you think you will contribute to the NIH MARC U-STAR objectives, i.e., to increase the number of under-represented groups in biomedical research at the Ph. D. level
   - Reason(s) that made you decide to study science
   - Indicate your particular area of research interest and how the MARC U-STAR program will contribute to your career development.
Family Information (Applicants 21 years of age or younger MUST Complete this section)

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Please check one: Parents are       Married      Divorced       Other

I live with my       Mother       Father       Stepmother       Stepfather       Guardian       Other (check all that apply)

Please give names and ages of your brothers and sisters. If they have attended college, give the names of the institutions attended.

Have any of your relatives attended Savannah State University? If so, who and when.

- I understand the scope of the NIH MARC U-STAR Honors Program and agree to participate fully in the required curricular and research activities during each semester.

Please sign here: ________________________________________________

- I fully understand it is expected of me to continue my education in a graduate research program.

Please sign here: ________________________________________________

Please send your completed application to:

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