

SOARS Scholars

Student Opportunities for Advancement in Research Skills (S.O.A.R.S) is a grant funded program through the United States Department of Education. The SOARS Scholars program will engage graduate students in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) disciplines at TSU to conduct research in preparation for advanced studies and/or the competitive workforce.

Through SOARS, the university addresses the global need to increase African American representation in STEM disciplines at the graduate level. The Scholars program is available to graduate students majoring in the following disciplines:

- Agriculture
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Math



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About TSU.....

Tennessee State University (TSU) is committed to excellence and has been consistently listed in the U.S. News & World Report's "Guide to America's Best Colleges" for more than a decade. Founded in 1912, TSU is a comprehensive, urban, co-educational, land-grant institution in Nashville, Tennessee.

As a leading institution of higher learning, TSU provides students with the opportunity to experience academic and personal growth. The university offers multiple bachelor's degrees, master's degrees, and doctorate degrees. Students receive instruction from top-notch faculty and are immersed in research, service learning, and student life activities, including internships, cultural and study abroad opportunities.



SOARS Scholars Eligibility

SOARS Scholars program are for students seeking their graduate degree at Tennessee State University in STEM disciplines.

The program are offered in Agriculture, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Engineering, and Math.

Program requirements include:

- Classified as a graduate student
- Enrolled full-time (9 Credit hours)
- Maintain 3.0 G.P.A.
- Work 20 hours per week as a research assistant

SOARS Program Benefits

- A monthly stipend - \$2,600
- Professional development
- Faculty mentoring
- Attend research conferences
- Engage in research experience

Monthly stipends are paid directly to SOARS Scholars. SOARS Scholars are expected to maintain a nine-hour class load and a minimum 3.0 GPA. SOARS scholars are also expected to perform in and out of the classroom beyond the minimum level to ensure their place among the leaders of tomorrow.

SOARS Scholars Program

The program creates an academic framework for improving retention and research capabilities. SOARS Scholars program provides supports through stipends to students in STEM disciplines.

The program will provide student the opportunity to not only work as a team but also interact with faculty research mentors on problems, which represent those found in the pursuit of a STEM degree.

