

Scholarship Plan

MISSION

The Chemistry & Physics Department Scholarship plan is designed to encourage students of distinction to matriculate at GC&SU with a major in chemistry. Faculty in the department of chemistry & physics believe that student involvement in an active research program is a pivotal element of a successful undergraduate degree in chemistry. The foundation will promote this experience by providing research support directly to the chemistry student in an effort to enhance the department's recruiting efforts as well as establishing a core of outstanding students that will exemplify both the mission of the department and university.

OBJECTIVES

The scholarship plan aspires to provide four-year scholarships to chemistry majors. The scholarships are awarded with the goal of supporting the recipient's research activities within a faculty guided research project.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Recipients of the scholarship will be representatives of the department and as such are expected to meet *all* of the following requirements for the duration of the term of the scholarship (not to exceed four years)

- Remain enrolled at GC&SU with a minimum of 12 credit hours
- Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Attend Chemistry & Physics Chair's student advisory meeting.
- To the best of their ability fulfill all requirements for a degree in chemistry at GC&SU (Students intending to pursue a professional degree at another institution before completing a chemistry degree at GC&SU are not eligible)
- Actively participate in a research program with one of the chemistry faculty which may include course registration
- Assist in chemistry outreach by actively participating in department sponsored events (e.g., Science Fair, Science Bowl, Science Olympiad, etc)
- Maintain active membership in a recognized student organization that supports chemistry (e.g., Chemistry Club, WICA)
- Maintain an active student membership with the American Chemical Society (ACS)
- Attend at least one research conference each year
- Uphold GC&SU's honor code

Failure to meet the eligibility requirements outlined above may result in revocation of the scholarship at the discretion of the recipient's faculty research advisor.

STUDENT ADVISING

In an effort to support student success in academics *and* research, the research advisor will also be the scholar's official university academic advisor. This change in university advisor will occur at the time the awards are announced.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants shall submit an application in their freshman year. The application shall address eligibility as well as preferred research projects or groups. Faculty will interview applicants and recommend to the department chair a ranked list of applicants. The department chair will use these documents to select awardees.

RESEARCH AWARDS

Recipients will receive annual monetary awards that may be used for travel to an approved research related event and/or purchase of research equipment or supplies. Research awards can be spent only with the approval of the faculty research advisor and department chair. All research award purchases will be administered through the department office.

AGREEMENT

In accepting a research scholarship from the department of chemistry and physics at Georgia College I agree to abide by the guidelines and expectations outlined in this document. I understand that failure to meet these expectations may result in revocation of my scholarship.

Recipient Name (print)

Faculty Research Advisor

Recipient Signature

Department Chair