

SSU Math and Marine Sciences (SSUMMS+) Program
U.S. Department of Education
APPLICATION FOR
FELLOWSHIPS, APPRENTICESHIPS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible applicants must be in good academic standing, be U.S. citizens/permanent residents, and meet one of the criteria below:

- African-American OR
- Personal income at or below 150% of poverty level OR
- Claimed on parents’ taxes and parents meet the income requirement of being at or below 150% of the poverty level.

Persons in Family/Household	2024 Federal Poverty Level	150% Poverty level
1	\$15,060	\$22,590
2	\$20,440	\$30,660
3	\$25,820	\$38,730
4	\$31,200	\$46,800
5	\$36,580	\$54,870
6	\$41,960	\$62,940
7	\$47,340	\$71,010
8	\$52,720	\$79,080

For first-time fellowship/scholarship awards who qualify under the income eligibility criteria alone, evidence of income must be provided prior to processing of the award. Please do not apply if you are not eligible.

AVAILABLE FUNDING OPTIONS:

1. SSUMMS RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

Stipend: Currently \$2000/month for work on Master’s thesis research (equivalent to \$24,000/yr if received for full calendar year). The expectation is for fellowship students to dedicate their full work week to classes (21 hr/wk) and research (19 hr/wk).

Tuition and fees: minimum of in-state rates are covered; limited funds are available for out-of-state tuition; summer tuition is rare and dependent on availability of funds

Research support: limited funds are available for research supplies, lab analyses, research related travel, and conference presentations

2. SSUMMS APPRENTICESHIPS

Semester-long apprenticeships are available with either a faculty member or with an organization, school, or business willing to provide practical work experience in your field. The expectation is for 19 hrs of service per week for a current **stipend** of \$2000/month to be paid by the SSUMMS+ Program. It is the student’s responsibility to find a host organization or faculty mentor for the apprenticeship. A contract will be signed by all parties after the position is approved by your degree program coordinator and the grant PIs (Drs. Kaltenberg and Pride for Marine Science, and Drs. Atena and Lemma for Math).

3. SSUMMS SCHOLARSHIPS

Non-thesis mathematics or marine science MS students and full-time employed MS students are not eligible for full fellowships, but they may apply for **tuition/fee scholarships**. Scholarships are awarded if funds remain available after the award of the full fellowship and apprenticeship positions.

AWARD PERIODS

Fall semester	August – December
Spring semester	January – April

COMMUNITY SERVICE REQUIREMENT

SSUMMS fellows (receiving stipend and tuition) are expected to complete a minimum of 15 community service hours per semester as a representative of SSU. SSUMMS scholarship students must volunteer a minimum of 10 hr/semester. Apprentices must volunteer service to on behalf of the university for a minimum of 5 hrs/semester. Such efforts may include, but are not limited to: giving tours to prospective students, recruiting at conferences, participating in STEM outreach, assisting with classes, providing administrative assistance, tutoring, staffing facilities, and helping with field excursions and lab sessions. You may also represent SSU at community outreach events. Assistance with fellow graduate students' field work is an expected part of graduate school and does not count as community service. Hours served are to be documented on the SSUMMS Fellow Service Log.

CRITERIA FOR CONTINUATION OF FUNDING

SSUMMS fellowships, apprenticeships, and scholarships are competitively awarded each semester and are distributed on a semester-by-semester basis. To remain eligible for continued SSUMMS funding, the fellow/scholar must remain in good academic standing, meet all deadlines outlined in their respective Master's program, provide documentation of community service, and properly complete a renewal application. Students on full research fellowships must demonstrate continuous thesis research progress and dedicate their work week to classes and research.