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NIH MARC PROGRAM

Description

The **Maximizing Access to Research Careers (MARC)** Program promotes excellence in careers leading to a Ph.D. in Biomedical Science, Psychology, Computer Science, Mathematics and Marine Biology. The MARC Research Traineeship Program is highly selective and funded by a grant from the **National Institutes of Health (NIH)**. ECS Scholars supported by MARC must be interested in a career in biomedical research, work closely with faculty mentors on research projects, complete a challenging curriculum, and fulfil specific responsibilities as determined by the program.

Eligibility

To be a MARC trainee, a student must:

- Be enrolled full time at UVI as Junior or Senior
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or above.
- Be a US citizen or permanent resident
- Major in mathematics, chemistry, biology, marine biology, computer science, or psychology
- Be interested in a career in biomedical research

Benefits

The benefits of being a MARC trainee include:

- \$3,000 scholarship towards tuition and fees; 60% of costs over \$3,000 are also paid
- A monthly competitive stipend
- Work with the mentor on research project; supplies provided
- Travel to scientific meetings (must present at ABRCMS)
- Special workshops to help in applying to graduate schools and special summer programs
- Funding to work with off-island mentors during the summer

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NIH MARC is part of the **Emerging Caribbean Scientists (ECS) Program** and funded by a grant from the **National Institutes of Health (NIH)**.



ECS Mission

The mission of the Emerging Caribbean Scientists (ECS) Program is to increase research training and promote excellence for STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics), including psychology, & nursing students at the University of the Virgin Islands.

ECS Goals

- ◆ Increase the number of students majoring in STEM
- ◆ Better prepare students in STEM disciplines for post grad careers
- ◆ Support faculty research by providing funding opportunities for research on and off campus
- ◆ Provide funding for undergraduate student research
- ◆ Provide role models for UVI students through the visiting scientists program
- ◆ Provide for enhanced curriculum through development and adoption of innovative instruction

Emerging Caribbean Scientists (ECS) Programs

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