

IN THE CLASSROOM

Scholarships available for STEM students at HCC

HOLYOKE - Students enrolled full time in chemistry, biology, engineering, mathematics, physics or other STEM fields at Holyoke Community College may qualify for a National Science Foundation scholarship of up to \$10,000 a year toward tuition and fees.

Through HCC, the National Science Foundation Scholarship offers on average \$6,500 per year to qualified full-time students and prorated amounts for part-time students.

Incoming and current HCC students are encouraged to apply. The STEM scholarship application deadline for the Fall 2021 semester is Aug. 1, 2021.

Students chosen for the NSF scholarship become members of HCC's STEM Scholars 2.0 Program, also known as SCoRE (STEM Cohorts for Research & Engagement).

STEM Scholars are expected to maintain enrollment in a STEM program, be in good academic standing, complete

an associate degree at HCC, and/or transfer to an accredited STEM degree program at a four-year institution. The scholarships are renewable every year students continue to meet the eligibility criteria.

Beside the financial awards, STEM Scholars become part of a learning community that fosters a sense of belonging and academic success, and includes mentoring, research, and honors experiences; community service; and internships.

Eligibility guidelines for the National Science Foundation Scholarship in STEM can be viewed at hcc.edu/scholarship

STEM disciplines include biological sciences, physical sciences, math, computer and information services, geosciences, and engineering.

The program is led by HCC math professor Ileana Vasu, coordinator of the STEM Scholars program. She can be reached at ivasu@hcc.edu or 413-552-2438.



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Professor Emily Rabinsky leads a biotechnology laboratory class in the HCC Center for Life Sciences.