The Kentucky-West Virginia Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (KY-WV LSAMP) program is a consortium of colleges and universities working together to create, enhance, and expand programs designed to broaden participation and increase the quality and quantity of students from underrepresented populations who receive degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines. Program goals and activities focus on undergraduate research experiences, graduate school preparation, and international experiences. The LSAMP program is named after the late Ohio Congressman Louis Stokes, who was responsible for numerous minority focused programs through the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

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**Benefits**

- Financial awards
- Paid summer research internships
- Research projects in state-of-the-art laboratories with faculty mentors
- Peer mentoring
- Travel opportunities to present research at state and national conferences
- Opportunities to prepare for graduate school and the application process
- Opportunities for professional development and personal growth
- Opportunities to network with professors and professionals nationally
- Opportunities to collaborate on multi-lab research projects
- Opportunities to participate in international research

**Qualifications**

- US Citizen or permanent resident
- Identify as an Underrepresented Minority Student (African American, Hispanic, Native American, or Pacific Islander)
- Maintain full-time enrollment in an approved STEM major
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA
- Demonstrated intent in pursuing research experiences and/or graduate degrees in a STEM field

**Participation Commitments**

- Participate in and contribute to program activities
- Attend scholar meetings
- Participate in research activities
- Participate in the KY-WV LSAMP Annual Research Symposium
- Participate in summer internships
- Provide and receive leadership and peer mentoring
- Prepare for the Graduate Record Exam (GRE)
- Complete the GRE
- Submit applications for graduate school

**Qualifying Majors**

**SCIENCES**
- Agronomy
- Animal Science
- Biochemistry & Molecular Biology
- Biology
- Botany
- Cell & Molecular Biology
- Chemistry
- Entomology and Plant Pathology

**ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES**
- Environmental Sciences

**FORESTRY**
- Forestry

**GEOLOGY**
- Geology

**HORTICULTURE**
- Horticulture

**METEOROLOGY**
- Meteorology

**MOLECULAR GENETICS**
- Molecular Genetics

**NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES**
- Nutritional Sciences

**PHYSICS**
- Physics

**ZOOLOGY**
- Zoology

**TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING**
- Biosystems Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil & Environmental Engineering
- Industrial Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Aerospace Engineering
- All Engineering Technologies
- Fire Protection and Safety
- Architecture
- Engineering

**MATHEMATICS & INFORMATION SYSTEMS**
- Mathematics
- Management
- Information Systems
- Management Sciences
- Computer Sciences
- Statistics

*Above is a condensed list of approved majors. If your major is not listed, visit with program staff.*