

BLaST Scholar Application

The Biomedical Learning and Student Training (BLaST) program invites applications from undergraduate students to participate as BLaST Scholars. BLaST is a NIH-funded initiative with the overarching goal of enhancing undergraduate training in biomedical research through increased diversity of students, increased integration of research and teaching, and enhanced integration of rural campuses into a cohesive biomedical community in Alaska.

To achieve this goal, BLaST Scholarships (which cover tuition + fees + monthly stipend) are offered to students from all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds. This round of BLaST Scholarships cover expenses for the entire 2016-2017 academic year.

To be eligible for a BLaST Scholarship, students must:

- have an interest in biomedical research;
- be considering a career in healthcare, biomedicine, or research in life or social sciences;
- have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher;
- enroll for 12 or more credits in the Fall 2016 semester;
- must be a U.S. citizen, U.S. non-citizen national or permanent resident.

For more information, please contact Tiffany DeRuyter, BLaST Program Administrator, at 907-474-2447 or tlderuyter@alaska.edu.

Name *

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First	Last

UAF ID (if known)

Email *

Gender *

- Female
- Male
- Prefer not to respond

Address

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

State / Province / Region

Postal / Zip Code

Country

Class Standing in Fall of 2016 *

- Freshman
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior

Current Cumulative GPA *

Maximum Allowed: 5 digits. Currently Used: 0 digits.

UAF Degree Program *

Were you a BLaST Scholar during the 2015-2016 academic year? *

- No
- Yes

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Check All That Apply *

- From racial and ethnic groups that have been shown to be underrepresented in health-related sciences on a national basis
- Have a disability
- From a family with an annual income below established low-income thresholds
- From a rural or inner-city educational environment
- Choose not to respond

Race/Ethnicity (Check All That Apply) *

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Caucasian

- Hispanic or Latino
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- Choose not to respond
- Other

Disability Status (Check all that apply) *

- Hearing Impairment
- Visual Impairment
- Mobility / Orthopedic Impairment
- Cognitive Impairment
- Neurological Condition
- Choose not to respond
- Other

Citizenship: (choose one) *

- U.S. Citizen
- Permanent Resident
- U.S. Non-Citizen National

Essays

Do not mistake the brevity of these essays for an indication that their evaluation will be lax. Strive for your best writing and have several advisors (mentors or peers) give you feedback prior to submission.

BLaST staff will be happy to assist you in completing your application; please email blast.uaf@alaska.edu if you would like to arrange for feedback prior to submission.

1. In an essay of 300 words or less, concisely and articulately describe your academic interests and career aspirations with respect to *One Health and biomedicine*. *

Maximum Allowed: **300** words. *Currently Used: 0 words.*

2. In an essay of 300 words or less, concisely and articulately describe your academic interests and career aspirations with respect to *research*. *

Maximum Allowed: **300** words. *Currently Used: 0 words.*

3. In an essay of 300 words or less, concisely and articulately describe how the aims of BLaST could assist you in pursuing your academic and career aspirations. *

4. In an essay of 300 words or less, concisely and articulately describe your individual background with special emphasis on your personal diversity and how your unique perspective might contribute to diversity within the BLaST program. Your unique perspective might derive from multiple characteristics such as those listed in the paragraph below and other aspects of personal diversity. *

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