Rebel Research Scholars Information

The Rebel Research Scholars program offers services in support of faculty members and researchers at the University of Mississippi who are hosting high school students¹ for residential and non-residential (commuter), for-credit and not-for-credit summer experiential learning programs², including research, field, or service learning experiences.

Please note: the Office of Pre-College Programs does not assist in supporting students who are both non-residential and non-credit-seeking.

Summer Programming

The Office of Pre-College Programs in the Division of Outreach and Continuing Education offers numerous summer programs and works with UM offices and academic departments to handle the logistics of pre-collegiate programming, including housing, meals, and supervision outside of the academic day.

The purpose of summer programming is to aid in the academic and personal development of the student and introduce the student to college life in general and at the University of Mississippi.

Services

Registration

The Office of Pre-College Programs will manage application and registration systems related to individual programs. Departments must submit a request for any specific information to be collected, such as essay questions.

Applications for prospective students must be due by **April 1st** and selections finalized by **April 15th**. Candidates will be emailed of their selection status by **May 1st**.

Student Housing

Student program participants will be designated *Rebel Research Scholars* (*Scholars*) within the Office of Pre-College Programs. Those residing on campus will be further designated as *Residential Scholars* and housed in the Residential College - South (RC) with other high school students enrolled in Pre-College Programs. Residential Scholars will move into the RC the Sunday before the program begins. Those not staying overnight will be sub-designated as *Commuting Scholars*.

¹ A Resource Guide for Involving High School Students in Research has been developed, which discusses the role of the High School Research Advisory Committee. See http://research.olemiss.edu/resources/students.

² Advanced institutional approval is strongly recommended for proposed experiential learning programs that may involve disbursement of funds to program participants—whether as participation stipends or financial aid; this program approval may be a pre-requisite for accessing Rebel Research Scholars services. Download the Student Program Request From at http://research.olemiss.edu/resources/students for more information about the program approval process.

Pre-Arrival Orientation

If your program requires online safety or other trainings, our office hosts a Blackboard site where we can create a folder specific to your lab with trainings, manuals, and other relevant information to be shared with students.

Meals

Scholars will receive a meal plan based on the type of program attending, as well as their resident status. Residential meal plans include two meals/day, Monday-Friday at the Rebel Market. Additional meals may be catered during the week and weekend in association with our co-curricular programming. Commuter meal plans only include lunch. Weekend meals are not included, either for Residential Scholars or Commuting Scholars. Residential Scholars will receive an orientation/move-in dinner in the RC Dining Hall.

Supervision

During the academic day, supervision of all Scholars is the responsibility of the individual program director, faculty/research mentors, and chairs/directors of the hosting department(s) or center(s). At all other times, Residential Scholars will be supervised by the Office of Pre-College Programs.

Activities and Entertainment

After the academic day, Commuting Scholars are dismissed, and Residential Scholars will return to the residence hall to participate in afternoon announcements and recreational time with their community. Community time is a requirement for all residents not otherwise participating in activities required by their research program. Activities typically include sports/recreation, hands-on learning in UM campus and facilities, and workshops facilitated by guest speakers.

UM Credit

Scholars may enroll as UM students for variable course credit in LIBA 103 or BIO 100 or another course as noted by the program.

In order to receive dual credit at UM and their home high schools, scholars must meet UM early admissions criteria and complete the Dual Credit paperwork with the Office of Pre-College Programs.

Scholarships

Summer Residential:

Tuition should be built into a grant budget when tuition is an allowable expense. If the grant does not allow for tuition expenses, scholars participating in for-credit programs may be eligible for tuition scholarships from the Division of Outreach; this scholarship does **not** cover program-related fees, such as housing, meals, or program supervisory fee. Scholars may also qualify for an ACT/SAT scholarship to help with housing fees and/or meal plan as noted by the Summer College ACT guidelines. ACT/SAT scholarships are applicable only for Scholars in month-long, residential, for-credit programs.

ACT/SAT Scholarship

ACT/SAT scholarships are awarded based on standardized test scores (see chart below). Students eligible for an ACT/SAT scholarship are not required to complete the financial aid application unless seeking additional need-based aid.

ACT Scores	SAT Scores*	Scholarship Award
33-36	1490-1600	\$2,000 off program costs
30-32	1390-1480	\$1,500 off program costs
27-29	1280-1380	\$1,000 off program costs

Additional Scholarships

Students from the Mississippi Delta who identify as first-generation students and wish to be credit students may qualify for full scholarships made available from the Hearin Foundation. Summer College staff will require a financial aid application to screen these students.

Summer or Academic Year Non-Residential:

Students participating in for-credit programs will receive a half-tuition scholarship from the Division of Outreach.

Parking

Students who intend to bring a vehicle to campus will need to secure either a student parking pass (if they are credit-seeking) or a visitor parking pass (if they are non-credit-seeking). The Office of Pre-College Programs will provide them with information on this process, but it is a process they must complete themselves.

Program Proposals

Faculty members and researchers wishing to access Rebel Research Scholars services for their experiential learning program participants must submit proposals via email to the Rebel Research Scholars Committee (precollege@olemiss.edu) no later than **March 1st**.

A complete Rebel Research Scholars proposal should include:

- Details of the program, including general schedule (required)
- Data field listing for application (required)
- Copy of the Experiential Program Request Form that has been marked "Approved" by the Student Programs Review Board (strongly recommended, especially if any students are to receive participation stipends)
- Confirmation that the program has been reviewed by the Student Programs Review Board
- Complete list of all adults who will be supervising the students.
- Accounts to be invoiced or charged for student support expenses.

Program Models and Costs

	Residential Scholar ³				Commuting Scholar⁴
	Credit	Non-Credit	Credit	Non-Credit	Credit
EXPENSES (per student)	4-Wk Model	4-Wk Model	8-Wk Model	8-Wk Model	4-Wk Model
Housing ⁵	\$552.00	\$552.00	\$1,104.00	\$1,104.00	
Meals/Meal Plan ⁶	\$523.00	\$523.00	\$1,046.00	\$1,046.00	\$262.00
Counselor Staff ⁷	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	
Catered Meals ⁸	\$160.00	\$160.00	\$320.00	\$320.00	
Admission costs for weekend recreation	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	
Total Cost (per student)	\$1,445.00	\$1,445.00	\$2,890.00	\$2,890.00	\$262.00
Background Checks ⁹	\$40-60	\$40-60	\$40-60	\$40-60	\$40-60
Total Costs ¹⁰	variable	variable	variable	variable	variable

³ Residential - Credit costs are based on the current Summer College (SC) model cost breakdown.

⁴ Commuters – Commuter participants do not fall under the supervision of the Office of Pre-College Programs. Commuting Rebel Research Scholars who are in the program for four weeks, however, are welcome to join the Summer College programming and activities for the amounts noted under the residential non-credit fees. Interested students should contact the Office of Pre-College Programs.

⁵ \$552/month/student (estimate from housing, could be slightly less)

⁶ \$523/month/student (estimate includes some funds for laundry)

⁷ about \$180/student (processed on e-forms, represents a portion of stipends for two community counselors dedicated to Rebel Research students)

^{8 \$160/}student (will be invoiced at end of summer)

⁹ \$40-60/adult checked for the lab

¹⁰ This will depend on how many adults in your lab will need a background check