**Rebel Research Scholars**

The Rebel Research Scholars program offers services in support of faculty members and researchers at the University of Mississippi who are hosting high school students[[1]](#footnote-1) for residential and non-residential (commuter), for-credit and not-for-credit summer experiential learning programs[[2]](#footnote-2), including research, field, or service learning experiences.

**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 20th**. 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*.

**Meals**

Scholars will receive a meal plan based on the type of program attending, as well as their resident status. Residential meal plans include weekday breakfast, lunch, and dinner at the Rebel Market. 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 hosing 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. Activities typically include sports/recreation, tours of UM campus and facilities, and guest speakers.

**UM Credit**

Scholars may enroll as UM students for variable course credit in LIBA 100 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, for-credit programs.

*Summer or Academic Year Non-Residential*:

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

**Program Models and Costs6**

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|  | **Residential Scholar** | **Commuting Scholar4** |
|  | **Credit[[3]](#footnote-3)** | **Non Credit** | **Credit** |
| **EXPENSES (per student)** | **4-Wk SC Model** | **8-Wk SC Model** | **4-Wk Model** | **1-Wk Model** | **4-Wk Model** |
| Housing | $515.00 | $1,030.00 | $515.00 | $175.00 | --- |
| Meals/Meal Plan | $500.00 | $1,000.00 | $500.00 | $120.00 | --- |
| Counselor Staff | $75.00 | $150.00 | $75.00 | $20.00 | --- |
| UM Admissions Application Fee | $50.00 | $50.00 | --- | --- | $50.00 |
| PCP Uniform Packs w/ T-shirt, wrist band, and required items (fixed cost) | $20.00 | $20.00 | $20.00 | $20.00 | --- |
| Supplies for evening educational programs | $40.00 | $80.00 | $40.00 | $10.00 | ---- |
| Weekend Entertainment and Travel5 | $140.00 | $280.00 | $140.00 | $0.00 | $140.00 |
| Turner Center Fee per scholar5 | --- | --- | $20.00 | $5.00 | --- |
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**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 Experiential Program Review Board (strongly recommended, especially if any students are to receive participation stipends)
* Confirmation that the program has been reviewed by the High School Research Advisory Committee (strongly recommended, to minimize health and safety risks to minors, and liability risks for the university)
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>. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
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. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
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.

5Weekend Entertainment and Travel Fee and Turner Center Fee– Weekend Entertainment and Travel Fees and Turner Center Fees may or may not allowable as an expense in most grant budgets. If the expense is not allowable, the participant cost may be paid from an overhead account or the participant may cover the cost individually.

6 Program Costs do not include UM Parking and Transportation fees. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)