The Beckman Scholars Program is a 15-month mentored research experience for exceptional undergraduate students in chemistry, biological sciences, or interdisciplinary combinations thereof.

Since 1998, the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation has given more than $32 million in funding support to 1,693 Scholar-Mentor teams at 141 different colleges and universities.
At the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation, we acknowledge, appreciate and support the fundamental roles that justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion (JEDI) have in scientific progress and innovation. We seek applicants from all backgrounds in our programs and strive to ensure a fair and equitable process for selection of awardees, recognizing that excellent science is not the exclusive endeavor of one group of people, but of all.

The Foundation evaluates all aspects of the Scholar experience in the review process.
The Beckman Scholars Program is an institutional award that spans three years. Each awardee institution receives support for six Scholar-Mentor pairs, two named in each year of the award. Scholar-Mentor pairs receive $26,000 in funding, $21,000 per student and $5,000 per faculty mentor.
PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

The Beckman Scholars Program is an institutional award, limited-submission by invitation only. Service academies and government laboratories, such as NIH or federally funded national laboratories, are not eligible institutions. Each year, the Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation reviews information about institutions across the country and identifies colleges and universities to receive Beckman Scholars Program application invitations.

Invited institutions demonstrate a significant commitment to undergraduate research in chemistry, the biological sciences and/or interdisciplinary combinations thereof. They also show the capability to compete successfully on a national level for scientific research funds in peer-reviewed government and private foundation supported programs over previous years. Their faculties and their research facilities are judged to be of the quality necessary to support the caliber of undergraduate research program sought for Beckman Scholars.

Example factors considered in these selections are listed on the BSP information webpage.
APPLICATION TIMELINE

February 15
Application Invitations Distributed by Email

June 15
Applications Due

June 16 - November 17
Review Period

December 15
Awardee Notification Begins
The Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation issues Beckman Scholars Program application invitations to hundreds of institutions each year. Invitations are emailed to a group of contacts at each institution and include an overview of the grant opportunity with a link to the application portal, along with important dates and submission details. Each institution registers an account to prepare an application for consideration.

Eligible applications undergo a rigorous two-tiered review process to arrive at awardee selection. Non-advancing applications receive helpful feedback.

**Institutions**

If you would like to request an application invitation, please prepare and submit a letter (2 pages max., on institution letterhead, pdf attachment) via email to bsp@beckman-foundation.org discussing the institution’s qualifications. Include your institution's Carnegie Classification and Federal Tax ID Number. We will use the information provided in your letter to evaluate the institution's inclusion in our next application invitation.

**Students**

The Beckman Scholars Program does not issue awards directly to individuals; it is an institutional award program. If you are an undergraduate student in chemistry, biochemistry, biology, or other science discipline, contact your institution's research support office for more information.
Institutions selected for BSP awards are notified by the Foundation in mid-December. They each receive an award letter outlining the terms and conditions of the award, which must be signed and returned. An official announcement is made the following month, and awardee institutions then begin their recruitment and selection processes. A timeline of these and other program activities is provided on the BSP information webpage.
QUESTIONS?

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