

Project Excel is a Student Support Services TRIO Program that is funded by the US Department of Education. This program has been in existence at the University at Albany since fall 2001. This program is free and at no cost to students that are eligible. All project participants are either **low-income, first generation college students, or individuals with disabilities**. Student participants in Project Excel have a need for **academic support** in order to successfully pursue a program of post secondary education.

The goals of the programs are to

1. Assess the academic, personal, career and financial needs of each student.
2. Provide services that ensure that students will remain in college until the completion of their degree and remain in good standing through their academic career.

Project Excel serves over 200 students annually. Our objective is to have 70% of our participants graduate; 80% retention rate; and ensure that 85% of our participants are in good academic standing.