The Science & Technology Entry Program (STEP) at University at Albany, brings the college experience to the urban communities in Albany, New York. STEP is part of a statewide network conducted by the State Education Department and has been at the University for over 15 years.

STEP prepares historically underrepresented and/or economically disadvantaged elementary and secondary school students to acquire the aptitude and skills necessary to pursue post-secondary degree programs that lead to professional careers in the scientific, technical, health-related or other licensed professions. STEP also provides a unique internship opportunity for the university’s students to be mentors/tutors and for those students who pursue education as a career. The program also challenges parents and educators to become involved in the process to support the development of our “community of learners.”

Summary 2005-2006

- 93% of Grade 12 students graduate
- 85% of STEP graduates enroll in college
- 67% of college going grads pursue Mathematics, Science & Technology (STEM fields)
- 5968 students served (Grade 7-12)
- 51 STEP Projects
- 62% of STEP High School Graduates Received Regents Diplomas