Dear NSF/Bridge to the Doctorate Fellow Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the **University at Albany’s Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) Bridge to Doctorate (BD)** program that began in August 2013 and is funded by NSF.

Consistent with its title, this program establishes a bridge to help STEM undergraduate students obtain a Ph.D. by providing access to key resources for academic success. These program resources include providing financial support to pursue graduate study, assigning faculty mentors to guide students academically and professionally, and surrounding BD students with a support network of staff to assist them in accomplishing their goals.

The successful applicant will plan to pursue the Ph.D. degree in a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) discipline. Applicants to the program are evaluated on the basis of their record of achievement, research experiences, as well as their motivation and connection to their field of study.

**Eligibility Criteria:**
- Participated in a LSAMP Program
- Bachelor’s degree in a STEM discipline with a 3.0 GPA or better
- U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Accepted into a STEM graduate program at the University at Albany
- Want to pursue a Ph.D. in a STEM discipline

**The benefits of becoming a SUNY LSAMP BD Fellow include the following:**
- Tuition and student health insurance
- Student stipend of $30,000 annually
- Faculty mentoring
- Participation in professional conferences and meetings
- Links to research and professional opportunities
- Enriched academic services and support

We look forward to receiving your application for graduate admission for the SUNY LSAMP BD fellowship. Please forward your inquiries to the Assistant Dean, Dr. Betty P. Shadrick 518-442-3899 or email: bshadrick@albany.edu.

Sincerely,

**Betty P. Shadrick**

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