



# SUNY AGEP

Betty P. Shadrick, Ph.D.  
UAlbany Program Director  
(518) 442 - 3899  
bshadrick@uamail.albany.edu



## What is AGEP?

AGEP stands for Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate. The State University of New York (SUNY) AGEP program, is an alliance of the four higher education and doctoral degree granting state universities in New York ( Albany, Binghamton, Buffalo and Stony Brook).

## Mission

Our mission is to transform graduate education to be accessible to and inclusive of underrepresented students and faculty in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) disciplines. Our goal is to increase the number of underrepresented minorities students pursuing doctoral studies in these fields, enrich their academic experience, promote their success and ensure their access to services that will help them achieve their goals.

## Services

AGEP is an NSF funded grant. The services, activities and funds provided through the grant are an important means of support for underrepresented students who are interested in, or a currently pursuing graduate study in a STEM field at University at Albany, The State University of New York and subsequent careers in the professoriate. Our underlying objective is to ensure that students have access to services that will help them achieve their goals. The services and activities we provide are as follows:

- Mentoring by the AGEP program staff
- Summer Research Institute for undergraduates
- Head start for incoming graduate students
- Travel to professional conferences
- Financial incentives
- Faculty mentoring

(Continued on back)

## **AGEP Eligibility**

Students seeking support from the SUNY AGEP Program must meet all of following criteria:

- Enrolled in a Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) degree program;
- US Citizen or Permanent Resident

In addition they should be members of one of the following ethnic groups:

- Black/African-American
- Hispanic/Latino
- American Indian
- Alaskan Native (Native American)
- Pacific Islander

## **Funding**

UAlbany is a collaborating partner in the SUNY-AGEP Project funded by the National Science Foundation's Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP) program.

Through our participation in the SUNY AGEP program UAlbany currently offers eligible graduate students a range of funding opportunities designed to help alleviate some of the financial burdens of graduate study, which include, among others: stipend supplements; professional conference attendance reimbursement; and reimbursement for course-related books and supplies.

### *Campus Visit*

Financial support for the allowable travel costs for one (1) campus visit incurred by any qualified AGEP-eligible prospective student who has applied to a STEM doctoral program at UAlbany and for whom a campus visit may be an influential element in his/her decision to accept an admission offer.

### *Stipend Supplement*

Financial support to underwrite the cost of a "top-off" stipend supplement to enhance a base "full" assistantship or fellowship awarded by a department/program to an "AGEP-eligible" doctoral student.

### *Book Allowance*

Financial support to reimburse AGEP-eligible students for a portion of the costs associated with their purchase of course or project-related books, supplies, software, etc.

### *Business Cards*

To support AGEP eligible students' ability to establish and maintain professional connections, the AGEP Program will obtain University at Albany business cards at no cost to the student.

### *Student Membership in Professional Organizations*

To enhance AGEP-eligible students' connections to their disciplines, the AGEP program will offer AGEP-eligible graduate students the funds to support membership in appropriate professional organizations.