



# **MoLSAMP Scholars**

**AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE**  
**AUGUST 2019 – JULY 2020**  
Truman State University

You are invited to participate in the 2020 MoLSAMP Scholars program at Truman State University! This program is for students who are majoring in Science or Mathematics. Participants are expected to make satisfactory progress toward their degree and engage in program-related activities (described below). In exchange, participants will receive intrusive advising, study-skills workshops, tutoring support, community building and professional development activities.

To accept this invitation to become a 2020 MoLSAMP Scholar, you must read this agreement form and pledge to meet the program's expectations. By extending this invitation to you, the STEP Office pledges to provide you with support and encouragement that will help you succeed in science and mathematics at Truman.

## **EXPECTATIONS**

I understand that by accepting the invitation to participate as a MoLSAMP Scholar, I will be expected to:

- Declare and make satisfactory progress toward a degree in science or math,
- Meet with the STEP Office Academic Advisor at the discretion of the Advisor, (most often weekly or bi-weekly),
- Accept academic support from the STEP Office Academic Advisor and academic trainers that the program will provide,
- Pass all of my science and mathematics courses with a C or higher,
- Maintain a GPA of 2.5 or above during the fall and spring semesters,
- Attend and participate fully in periodic meetings for the MoLSAMP program participants (at minimum, three meetings will be held each semester: a study-skills workshop, a professional development activity, and a community-building activity). Additional meetings may be scheduled.
- Complete the STEM 105 Inquiry Seminar in the Fall of my sophomore or junior year,
- And apply to summer research opportunities starting my sophomore year.

I understand that the MoLSAMP program aims to help its Scholars succeed in their pursuit of science and mathematics experiences (including coursework), and that it is the Scholars' responsibility to take ownership of their education and be proactive in their pursuit of academic and professional success in all areas of study.

I further understand that, as a MoLSAMP Scholar who is meeting the above expectations and making good progress toward graduating from Truman, I will receive the following from the STEP Office:

- Academic Advising from the STEP Office Academic Advisor,
- Supplementary advising from the STEP Office staff,

- Free individual and group tutoring for major-level science or mathematics courses arranged through the STEP Office in coordination with the Center for Academic Excellence,
- Career Planning and Awareness advice from STEP Office staff,
- An integrative introduction to science and mathematics through our STEM 105 Inquiry Seminar course,
- Opportunities to participate in MoLSAMP programming throughout the state (including research, conferences, and bridge programs), and
- Access to a statewide community of MoLSAMP scholars, faculty and staff.

Satisfactory progress toward a degree in science or mathematics during 2019-2020, full and active participation in MoLSAMP Scholar events, and an endorsement from the Truman science or mathematics faculty will make you eligible for continued participation in the MoLSAMP program in subsequent semesters.

\*All selected scholars participate in MoLSAMP activities during the academic year for which they are selected. If a scholar enrolls in coursework or participates in a MoLSAMP-funded opportunity (example: research) during the summer, the scholar will be expected to remain in contact with the office during the summer semester as well.

## **DISCLAIMER**

I hereby for myself, my heirs, and personal representatives assume any and all risks which might be associated with the MoLSAMP Scholars Program and I further waive, release, discharge, and covenant not to sue the STEP Office, Truman State University, its officers, employees, members, organizers or other representatives, or successors, and assigns, for any injuries or damages of any whatsoever suffered as a result of taking part in the MoLSAMP Scholars Program and related activities. I authorize Truman State University and the STEP office to use data from my participation in publications, presentations, and assessment studies and to release limited information to the media. I give Truman State University permission to use for University purpose all images taken of me. I understand that I will not be paid regardless of how the images are used. All photographs, proofs, negatives, and electronic images and all rights therein shall remain the property of Truman State University. Further, I agree to accept and abide by all rules, regulations and policies established by the STEP Leadership Team and the Board of Governors of Truman State University.

In signing this agreement, I authorize the STEP Leadership Team to request Financial Aid information, transcripts, enrollment verification, and I authorize the use of my name, GPA, and ethnicity in reports required by Truman State University. Furthermore, I authorize the Academic Advisor of the STEP Office to be listed as a secondary advisor so that they may more effectively help me reach my academic goals.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_