



To: Graduate Program Directors, Graduate Program Coordinators
From: Karian Wright, Director, Center for Inclusive Education
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Subject: **2024-2025 CIE SBU Scholars Program**

Mission

Thank you for your interest in the Center for Inclusive Education Stony Brook University Scholars program (“CIE SBU Scholars”). This new program is an opportunity for SBU PhD students to build community on campus, learn professional development skills, and apply for additional financial support. At its core, this program welcomes eligible doctoral students into the Center for Inclusive Education community. This program is one of the several programs coordinated by the Center for Inclusive Education at Stony Brook University and is funded by the Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Intercultural Initiatives (DI3).

Successful applicants will be excited about joining the Center for Inclusive Education community. Successful applicants will also be committed to the mission of the Center for Inclusive Education, which is to increase awareness of issues related to diversity at the University level by collaborating with faculty and staff to enhance the diversity of their respective departments, identifying and working to remove barriers to underrepresented scholar success, and at the national level, engaging in scholarly research activities and program assessment - all with the ultimate goal of contributing to a greater body of knowledge related to issues of inclusion and diversity.

Deadlines

Applications will be considered on a **rolling basis** until June 30, 2025.

There is no cap on the number of acceptances for this program. However, each fiscal year, there is a limited amount of funding available. Applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible so they have the best chance of accessing the funding opportunities available to CIE SBU Scholars.

Application

Applicants must complete the [CIE SBU Scholars online application form](#), which asks for the following information:

- Applicant contact information
- Applicant CV
- A response to the following short answer prompt: “Why are you interested in joining the Center for Inclusive Education community through the CIE SBU Scholars Program? How do you connect to the [mission](#) of the Center for Inclusive Education? (300 words or less)”

Successful applicants will provide deeply considered answers and specific examples that show a connection to the mission of the CIE. Applicant CVs will also be reviewed for activities related to community and/or the CIE's mission.

Eligibility

Candidates are required to meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a Doctoral student at Stony Brook University (**Domestic and International students are eligible)
2. Have NOT received any previous funding support from the CIE. Students who have received previous CIE funding are NOT eligible for acceptance into this program.

Program Benefits

- **Grow your campus community:**
 - Attend CIE social events, including Wellness Days, Photo Days, and Welcome Back events.
 - Gain a “[third place](#)” on campus in the CIE Suite, which is open 9–5, Monday through Friday. The suite has tables to work from and an open coffee and snack bar. Drop by anytime to work, unwind, and meet other CIE students.
- **Learn professional development skills:**
 - Participate in pedagogy training and the job market training series.
- **Join a peer mentorship program:**
 - Join the Community of Student Mentors program, a peer-mentoring group for graduate students across campus with approximately 60 participants each year.
- **Apply for funding:**
 - CIE SBU Scholars can apply for funding to support:
 - Conference travel (\$1,000/person each year),
 - Emergency funding needs (\$3,000/person, one-time award),
 - SREB Conference attendance (\$2,000/person each year), and
 - Research-related expenses (\$1,500–\$5,000/person each year).
 - Funding application details will be sent to those accepted into the CIE SBU Scholars program.
 - Funding applications from CIE SBU Scholars are generally due by **May 15, 2025**.

Funding preference will be given to those who:

- Engage regularly with the CIE community after joining the CIE SBU Scholars program
- Demonstrate how they have overcome a disadvantage or other impediment to success in higher education
- Demonstrate a commitment to contributing to the diversity of the student body by facilitating and enhancing diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts in their academic programs and campus activities,
- Come from a low-income background (e.g., Pell-eligible as undergraduates, eligible for Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program for 2+ years, received support from the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, have experienced homelessness, have been in the foster care system, or grew up in a U.S. rural area as designated by the Health Resources and Services Administration)
- Were first-generation college students
- Have overcome adversity
- Are AmeriCorps alumni
- Are veterans or active/reserve duty military service members

This program is open to any and all prospective candidates regardless of race, color, national origin, or sex and is consistent with all current governing federal and state nondiscrimination laws. All application submissions will be assessed and evaluated in accordance with the required eligibility criteria.

All opportunities are based on the availability of funds from DI3. Funding may not be guaranteed every year moving forward.

For more information about the CIE SBU Scholars program, visit <https://www.stonybrook.edu/cie/sbuScholars>. For questions regarding the CIE SBU Scholars program, please contact Abigail Nishimura, Program Manager, at cie@stonybrook.edu.

Sincerely,



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