

The Choose Ohio First for Bioinformatics Scholarship Program

The program provides scholarships and educational opportunities for students interested in pursuing a career in bioinformatics or related fields.

The Choose Ohio First (COF) Scholarship provides \$4700 per year to incoming freshmen, transfer students, upperclassmen or graduate students who demonstrate academic excellence and an interest in the field.

The program was established through a competitive grant awarded to the Ohio Bioinformatics Consortium by the State of Ohio.

Who should apply.

All students who have interest in computers and/or biology or chemistry. Preference will be given to those who have some background in both.

Students may major in a range of academic disciplines that utilize computer science to manage biological data, including Biological Sciences, Biomedical Sciences, Biomedical Engineering, PreMed, Chemistry/Biochemistry, Computer Science, Ecology, Environmental and Plant Biology, Mathematics, Molecular and Cell Biology, Science Education, Health Sciences, Biomedical Engineering.

Benefits. All COF-Bioinformatics Scholarship students, whether undergraduate or graduates students

- will participate in weekly discussion forums on bioinformatics research, training, educational opportunities and professional development;
- will be mentored by faculty involved in the bioinformatics program;
- will be provided research and/or internship opportunities as appropriate;
- will participate in special student-focused sessions at the state-wide Ohio Collaborative Conference on Bioinformatics (OCCBIO).

Eligibility.

- All students must be residents of Ohio (designated as “in-state” students at their respective school).

Entering freshmen

- Top 20 percent of his or her high school graduating class, or
- Minimum 25 ACT or 1150 SAT.

Transfer and returning undergraduates

- Stated major in biology, chemistry, computer science or related field;
- have a background in computer science and biology or biochemistry;
- GPA of 2.8 overall and 3.0 in their major

Graduate students should

- have completed a BS or MS in a biology, chemistry, computer science or related field;
- have a minimum GPA of 3.0;
- have a background in computer science and biology or biochemistry;
- meet all requirements and gain admission to the “home” department or program of their choice; and

To ensure access for all Ohioans, special consideration will be given to underrepresented minorities, students from Appalachia and those who are first generation or low-income.

Schools offering Choose Ohio First for Bioinformatics Scholarships

Bowling Green State University
Case Western Reserve University
Central State University
[Clark State Community College](#)
Miami University
[Ohio University](#)
Shawnee State University
[The Ohio State University](#)
[University of Akron](#)
[University of Cincinnati](#)
[University of Toledo](#)
[Wittenberg University](#)
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