



Award number 2150045

Dear BUILD Scholars,

January 16, 2024

Welcome back from your Winter break! During this Winter break, BUILD scholars were invited to join Dr. Liu for a lab tour at the University of Colorado Medical Campus. The building is awesome, but the current research is amazing from the molecular basis of pulmonary fibrosis to personalized medicine. It was a productive trip. Our first event, Welcome Back, will be on Wednesday, January 24th, 5:00-6:30. We are looking forward to seeing all of you.

The BUILD Program requirements and services aimed to help you succeed in your education endeavors are below:

BUILD Scholar Commitments (<https://www.msudenver.edu/advanced-stem-education/build-scholarship-program/build-scholar-commitment-and-support/>):

- **Meet with a BUILD Advisor once per semester.** Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, or Environmental Science majors Meet with Dr. Liu hliu1@msudenver.edu. All other majors meet with Dr. Niemeyer niemeyel@msudenver.edu. We love to see you early and throughout the semester.
- **Participate in four required events.** These required events are not meant to create obstacles in your academic journey. If you cannot attend a required event due to class, please contact Dr. Liu.
 - Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., SI 1115
Topic: Welcome Back
 - Wednesday, January 31, 2024, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Location TBA
Topic: You are not alone
* The Reframing Your Math Experience Workshops are back. You are required to attend the first workshop. We strongly encourage you to attend all the workshops to overcome your Math Anxiety.
*If you have attended this event before, we still strongly encourage you to attend. However, you can attend the Belonging Event (Feb 22, 2024, 4:30-6:30, TBD for location) to substitute this event.
 - Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., TBD for location
Topic: Imposter Syndrome
 - Thursday, April 4, 2024, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Baerresen Ballroom, Tivoli 320ABC
Topic: RM-AMP/BUILD STEM Community Celebration Dinner
- **Participate in two optional events.** Check out our website for a list:
<https://www.msudenver.edu/advanced-stem-education/build-scholarship-program/build-scholar-commitment-and-support/>

If you attend an event that is not on our list, but you think should be counted as an optional event, please contact Dr. Liu.

BUILD Supports and Services

- **Participate in an internship, research project, or shadow an internship/research project.** Applications are due March 4th for Summer 2024. To apply, visit the following website:
<https://www.msudenver.edu/advanced-stem-education/build-scholarship-program/build-research/>

- **Meet with a Peer Mentor once per semester.** Hugo Lemus vlemusgo@msudenver.edu and Naomi Jacquez njacquel@msudenver.edu. Contact either Hugo or Naomi to schedule an appointment.
- **STEM Tutoring:** We have tutors in Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics. They are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. **in person** in the STEM Learning Center SI 1009. Please utilize this awesome resource and share it with your classmates and professors. The Spring 2024 tutoring schedule can be found on our website at <https://www.msudenver.edu/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Tutor-Schedule-Spring-2024.pdf>.
- **Writing Tutoring:** Amanda Myers and Bonnie Brady are available in the STEM Learning Center SI 1009 to assist you with papers, essays, scholarship applications, job application, and resume. Their schedules can be found on our website at <https://www.msudenver.edu/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Tutor-Schedule-Spring-2024.pdf>.
- **Scholarships:** Wu and CASE scholarships are available in the spring semester. Details on submission can be found on our website at: <https://www.msudenver.edu/advanced-stem-education/rm-amp/scholarships/> Your essays for these scholarships are due March 4, 2024
- **Textbook Program:** Our textbook borrowing program is growing thanks to your donations. We have textbooks for general biology, microbiology, genetics, general chemistry, organic chemistry, algebra, and calculus for you to borrow. It is on a first come first serve basis. Please also consider donating your used textbooks to the Center instead of selling it back to bookstore for pennies.
- **Passport to Success:** The purpose of the passport program is to support students with costs for attending STEM conferences, graduate school entrance exams, graduate school application fees and professional organization membership fees. For more information, visit: <https://www.msudenver.edu/advanced-stem-education/build-passport-to-success/>. You can pick up a Passport from Lori Taylor. Her office is in the Science Building room 1051.

We are always interested in the progress you are making toward your degree. If you are graduating this fall, please let us know as soon as possible so we can celebrate your success. If you have any questions and/or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your continued participation in the program.

Sincerely,



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