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The Administration of Justice Program at the University of the District of Columbia is offering scholarships to pursue undergraduate studies. The scholarships are funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Scientific Leadership Awards Program, offering undergraduate students generous support for up to four years to pursue their undergraduate degree and gain research experience in homeland security science and technology priority research areas.

Undergraduate majors that are of particular relevance include criminal justice, psychology, biology, chemistry, physics, computer science, mathematics and engineering, but we welcome applicants from other STEM areas (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) that have relevance to homeland security. SLA Scholars will participate in the full range of research activities at the Institute for Public Safety and Justice offering full exposure to a broad spectrum of interdisciplinary research and education programs.

Recipients of the SLA Award are offered the following benefits for up to three years:

- Full tuition at the University of the District of Columbia;
- Research Assistantship with an $8,100 annual stipend;
- University health benefits;
- Travel support for conference attendance and participation;
- One-on-one mentoring from faculty as appropriate.

Applicants must:

- Be a UDC undergraduate student in a science/technology/engineering/math discipline at the start of their scholarship award;
- Be a U.S. citizen;
- Have a GPA of at least 3.3

If Selected:

- Maintain a GPA of 3.3 of higher;
- Enroll in the Homeland Security Science and Technology Concentration (HSST) in addition to the major area of study participating in HSST co-curricular activities;
- Attend the mandatory DHS conference in October of the first award year;
- Agree to do at least one funded summer internship at a National Laboratory, a DHS University Center, or other homeland security venue during the time of their scholarship;
- Commit to work at a homeland security venue (such as DHS or a National Laboratory) for one year immediately following graduation (may be deferred for SLA Scholars entering the military or enrolled in graduate school in a homeland security science and technology area).

See www.ipsj.org/SLA for application and additional information. Applications for scholarships are due by August 6, 2010 for full consideration.

*We have five SLA awards to begin in August 2010.*