

## GY8 BLaST Renewal Scholar Application AY21–22

The Biomedical Learning and Student Training (BLaST) program invites applications from undergraduate students to participate as BLaST Scholars. BLaST is a National Institutes of Health (NIH)–funded initiative with the overarching goal of enhancing undergraduate training in biomedical research through increased diversity of students, increased integration of research and teaching, and enhanced integration of rural campuses into a cohesive biomedical community in Alaska.

To achieve this goal, BLaST Scholarships are offered to students from all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds. This round of BLaST Scholarships cover tuition, fees (up to 15 credits per semester) and provides a stipend for the entire 2021–2022 academic year.

To be eligible for a BLaST Research Scholarship, students must:

- have an interest in biomedical research;
- be considering a career in healthcare, biomedicine, or research in life or social sciences;
- have and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher;
- complete 12 or more credits in the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 semesters;
- be a U.S. citizen, U.S. non-citizen national or permanent resident;
- be enrolled full-time in an academic degree program in biomedical science fields at UAF in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Applications are due by 11:59pm February 7, 2021.

You should receive a confirmation email after you submit your application. If you do not, please contact Adam Chisom, BLaST Program Administrator, at 907-474-2422 or [ajchisom@alaska.edu](mailto:ajchisom@alaska.edu)

Name \*

First

Last

UAF ID \*

UA Email \*

Alternate Email

Phone Number \*

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Gender \*

- Female
- Male
- Other
- Prefer not to respond

Address \*

Street Address

Address Line 2

City

State / Province / Region

Postal / Zip Code

Country

Phone Number \*

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Class Standing in Fall of 2021 \*

- First year student
- Sophomore
- Junior
- Senior

Current Cumulative GPA (on a 4.0 scale) \*

Maximum of 5 digits.    Currently Used: 0 digits.

UAF Degree Program \*

Department (e.g. Biology and Wildlife, Psychology) \*

Expected Graduation Date  
(Provide semester and year) \*

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## Essays

Concisely and articulately answer the following essay questions in 300 words or less.

Strive for your best writing and have several advisors (mentors or peers) give you feedback prior to submission.

If you have questions, need assistance or if you would like to arrange for feedback prior to submission contact BLaST – [blast.uaf@alaska.edu](mailto:blast.uaf@alaska.edu) or 907.474.5111.

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**1. Describe your research experience as a BLaST Scholar and your academic and career goals. Is your research experience helping you achieve your goals? Explain how.**

If you have not actively participated on a research project yet, describe your experience and opportunities associated with research.

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Maximum of 300 words. Currently Used: 0 words.

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## 2. In addition to research, how have you participated in BLaST activities?

Activities may include, but are not limited to, attending One Health seminars, trainings and/or workshops, participation in BLaST courses and bootcamps, poster/oral presentations, and meetings with RAMPs, GMRAs, and mentors.

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Maximum of 300 words. Currently Used: 0 words.

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## 3. With respect to One Health and biomedicine have your interests and career goals changed in the past year? Please explain. Has participation in BLaST influenced your interests in One Health and biomedicine? Why or why not?

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Maximum of 300 words. Currently Used: 0 words.

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## 4. If you were awarded the BLaST scholarship for another year, what would you hope to accomplish?

How would you participate in and contribute to the program? What career goals and skills would you hope to develop?

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Maximum of 300 words. Currently Used: 0 words.

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BLaST is funded by the NIH and the NIH encourages institutions to enhance the participation of individuals from groups identified as underrepresented in the biomedical, clinical, behavioral and social sciences, such as: 1) individuals from racial and ethnic groups that have been shown to be underrepresented in health-related sciences on a national basis [Blacks or African Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, American Indians or Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders]; 2) individuals with disabilities, who are defined as those with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities; and 3) individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, defined as (a) individuals who come from a family with an annual income below established low-income thresholds periodically published at <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/index.shtml> and (b) individuals who come from an educational environment such as that found in certain rural or inner-city environments that has demonstrably and directly inhibited the individual from obtaining the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to develop and participate in a research career. For a complete description of the NIH's Interest in Diversity see: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-20-031.html>

The University of Alaska Fairbanks is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer and educational institution.

Disability Status (Check all that apply) \*

- Hearing Impairment
  - Visual Impairment
  - Mobility / Orthopedic Impairment
  - Cognitive Impairment
  - Neurological Condition
  - Choose not to respond
  - None of the above
  - Other
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