

STEM Student Interest Groups (S-SIG)

S-SIG Leader:	Dr. Monique Ogletree		
S-SIG Location:	Microsoft Teams		
S-SIG Time:	Friday (once a month)	9-10am	See activity calendar for dates
Parent Academy:	Saturday	1-2:30 pm	See activity calendar for dates
Parent Academy location:	Microsoft Teams		

Objective:

The STEM - Student Interest Group (S-SIG) is a required one hour monthly meeting for STEM PARENT Scholars which will create a learning community for networking, professional development and social activities by

- (1) placing students in cohorts with peers of similar career/academic interest;
- (2) establishing an academic advising/mentoring platform;
- (3) promoting engagement of scholars in research; and
- (4) providing professional/social networking activities.

The S-SIG monthly session is designed to create a support system for scholars by connecting them with peers in classes and different university programs and resources designed to promote academic and personal growth. During the meetings, scholars will engage in co-curricular activities for 1) networking, 2) professional development, 3) academic and career guidance, and 4) social interaction. In addition scholars will have the opportunity to discuss concerns, issues and successes they are encountering each semester at the university.

Participation:

Participation in the S-SIG meeting is a requirement for acceptance of the STEM PARENT Scholarship. The following criteria will be scored to determine if scholars are meeting the requirements for continuation in the scholarship program:

- 60% Attendance/Participation*
- 40% Written Assignment Completion*

Scholarship Acceptance Requirements:

1. S-SIG meeting times will be at 9-10 am. However, there may be alternate meeting times for specific co-curricular activities. You will be notified in advance so that you can plan to attend.
2. S-SIG attendance is mandatory. Students are allowed 1 unexcused absence per semester. If you must miss a session, please email Dr. Ogletree or one of the program faculty (see list below) at least one hour before the meeting unless there are extenuating circumstances. Excessive absences may result in the termination of funding through the program. If you feel at any point that you can no longer continue in the group/scholarship program, please speak with the program faculty.

Faculty	Program Assignment
Dr. Monique Ogletree mogletree@uh.edu	S-SIG Leader/Coordinator Faculty Mentor – Biology/Biochemistry
Dr. Donna Stokes dstokes@uh.edu	STEM PARENT Program – Principal Investigator Scholarship Committee Chair Faculty Mentor – Physics and Chemistry
Dr. Paige Evans pkevans@central.uh.edu	Faculty Mentor – Mathematics, Mathematical Biology and teachHOUSTON
Dr. Laveria Hutchison LHutchison@Central.UH.EDU	PARENT Academy Leader/Coordinator
Dr. Cheryl Craig cheryljcraig@tamu.edu	STEM PARENT Program – Evaluator/Researcher

3. There will be some writing assignments, i.e., technical writing sample and resume, that you will need to complete and submit to the course leader. More details of the particulars of the assignments will be given to you during the meeting. These assignments will be reviewed by the leader, so please give them the time they deserve.
4. S-SIG meetings are a place to develop connections with fellow students. In order to develop those connections and be a support system for each other, characteristic such as respect, trustworthiness and one another. Any derogatory language (including terms regarding gender, sexuality, or race) is unacceptable.
5. Scholars are required to submit an unofficial self-reported progress report of grades to the S-SIG Leader at midterm and prior to final exams. You will be given specific dates for this during the meeting

**** Tutoring hours may be required based on academic performance at midterm ****

Important Dates – Spring 2021

January 19 th	Tuesday	First day of classes
January 26 th	Tuesday	Last day to add a class
February 3 rd	Wednesday	ORD; last day to drop without a grade
March 15 th – 20 th	Monday - Saturday	Spring Holiday, No Classes
April 6 th	Tuesday	Last day to drop a class with a W
May 3 rd	Monday	Last Day of class
May 5 th – 13 th		Finals Period

See the Activity Calendar for an outline of the Program Activities.