



## What to Expect When You Are a FOSSI Scholar

Congratulations on being selected as a FOSSI Scholar!

Below you will find answers to some frequently asked questions by new FOSSI Scholars.

### How much is the scholarship?

Students will receive scholarships of \$10,000 per year for up to four years, totaling up to \$40,000.

### Can I accept other scholarship offers in combination with the FOSSI Scholarship?

The FOSSI scholarship can be used for **tuition, and university-provided room and board**. A student can accept additional scholarships but they cannot exceed the total cost of their education.

### How are scholarships paid?

AICHE will pay the scholarship directly to your HBCU educational institution per semester prior to payment deadlines. Funding will be applied to your student account for tuition, room and board.

### What are the expectations of FOSSI Scholars during the school year?

- The multi-year scholarship will be reviewed annually and is contingent upon satisfactory academic performance (maintaining a minimum 2.5 out of 4.0 GPA) in a full-time course of study at an HBCU.
- FOSSI Internship opportunity eligibility will consider the following
  - Participation in the **Fundamentals of Success program**, which will help build leadership skills in their STEM field of choice. The program will include a mix of virtual career development workshops, one-on-one engagement with corporate partners, on-demand learning, and virtual scholar meetings with special guest speakers and opportunities to meet and network with other FOSSI scholars and partnering companies. These activities will require a total of about 8 hours per year, spread over the course of the school year.
  - Engagement with corporate sponsors throughout their four years of study.

### How will I engage with the FOSSI program sponsors?

In addition to the activities described above, scholars will be paired with a corporate sponsor who will be available for additional support. Throughout the program, FOSSI sponsors may be in contact with you via email or by phone.

### How are scholars matched with corporate sponsors?

As part of the onboarding process, sponsors are asked to provide detailed information including relevant STEM fields of interest and geographic preferences, to help make the best match for both sponsors and scholars.

### Will I receive an internship?

Our corporate partners are eager to provide opportunities for FOSSI scholars. Internships are not guaranteed, but we hope to have a robust pool of offerings and will make every effort to accommodate students who want an internship.



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### **How many internship opportunities are available?**

This will vary annually, and will depend on the sponsoring companies and how many positions are available.

### **Are internships paid?**

Internship compensation varies according to each sponsor company's policies.

### **Why am I being asked to complete so many surveys?**

FOSSI Scholars will be asked to complete brief surveys throughout the program, typically at the beginning of the school year, after each on-demand learning course and at the end of each school year. The purpose of these surveys are to monitor the progress of our scholars and make adjustments to the program as needed.

### **How can I interact with other FOSSI Scholars?**

You will have the opportunity to interact with other FOSSI Scholars in your sponsor cohort (depending on size) and at program-sponsored events that bring the entire cohort together. You can also connect on Instagram using **#fossinow**.

### **What happens if I decide to change STEM Majors?**

We anticipate that some students will change their majors over the course of their college career. If the major is in an approved STEM field, this will not affect your FOSSI scholarship. However, if you decide to switch to another field of study, outside of STEM, you may no longer be eligible for the scholarship.

### **What if I decide to transfer to a college that is not an HBCU?**

The FOSSI Scholarship is open to students pursuing STEM studies at an HBCU; if you transfer to a non-HBCU, you are no longer eligible for the scholarship.

### **Who should I contact if I have questions?**

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact Sarah Ewing at [fossi@futureofstemscholars.org](mailto:fossi@futureofstemscholars.org)

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