



FAST

**Facilitated Access
to Scientific
Training**

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UTSA FAST Overview

The Facilitated Access to Scientific Training (FAST) is a scholarship program that includes additional training to prepare students for careers in science.

FAST is aimed at increasing the number of economically disadvantaged students who complete their undergraduate degrees in Biology, Chemistry, or Physics and either join the scientific workforce or pursue advanced studies in these areas.

Scholarship & Program

FAST is a four-year program that consists of an annual scholarship of up to \$10,000 along with specialized activities designed to enhance the competence of the participants.

Each FAST Scholar is assigned a faculty mentor and an upper division student guide. FAST Scholars are encouraged to take advantage of available scientific training opportunities.

Eligibility Requirements

- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Major in Biology, Chemistry, or Physics
- Classified as economically disadvantaged according to the Department of Education rules for need-based federal financial aid

Selection Process

Selection is based on the application materials which include GPA, SAT score, Advanced Placement coursework, a career goals statement, and letters of recommendation from high school mathematics and science teachers.

Prior participation in San Antonio PREP is strongly encouraged but not required.

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Program Benefits

- Need-based scholarships up to \$10,000 per year
- Enrollment in the UTSA Honors College
- Honors College housing priority
- Priority registration
- Smaller class size
- Individual mentoring with UTSA faculty
- Undergraduate peer mentoring
- Career and research skills preparation
- Local and national research conferences attendance

Program Activities

- **Faculty Mentor and Student Guide** advisors to facilitate academic progress
- **Honors College Participation** an enriched academic experience
- **Science Boot Camp** a one-week summer refresher
- **Research Experiences** hands on research with UTSA faculty
- **Scientific Conferences** experience presenting your research
- **Monthly Gatherings** learn from scientists and other scholars
- **Professional Development Workshops** guidance to develop professional skills