



## Introduction

The Freshman Scholarships in STEM Program is the first year experience of an accelerated degree program. It is designed to allow for a smoother transition into such a program for first year students in the BCEE department. FSSP lets students familiarize themselves with the requirements of the program, and provides them with opportunities to decide which of the four tracks they find most appealing. This is accomplished by a number of socials throughout the year that showcase one of the four tracks.

	SSTEM	ACCEND
First Year Experience	FSSP offers a preview to the SSTEM Program	No current first year component
Research Oriented Graduate Degree	BS with MS, or BS with graduate school prep	BS with MS
Business Oriented Graduate Degree	BS with MBA and entrepreneurship certificate, or BS with entrepreneurship minor	BS with MBA
Financial Support	\$3500 to \$4400 per year for participants	No current financial support

An itemized comparison of the SSTEM and ACCEND Programs

## Overview of Tracks

SSTEM Offers 4 Tracks:
BS + MS
BS With Preparation for MS or PhD
BS + MBA With Entrepreneurship Certificate
BS With Entrepreneurship Minor

A listing of the four tracks available through the SSTEM Program

FSSP has four tracks, all centered on either research or entrepreneurship. Socials focused on the research track expose students to what they would be doing if they opted for either research based track. These meetings also serve as a great way to network with faculty members currently conducting research. The entrepreneurship socials provide students with a look into what they can expect out of either entrepreneurship track. The socials provide a great deal of insight, regardless of the thematic area they pertain to.

## Conclusion

The Freshman Scholarship in STEM Program is something that I would highly recommend to all that have the opportunity to participate in it. My involvement in FSSP provided me with a wealth of resources to aid in the process of pursuing a graduate degree. FSSP is well worth the effort that it requires and it provides a first year experience that cannot be compared to any other program on campus.

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