

United Health Foundation and Harris-Stowe State University: *Supporting Students in Life Sciences*

For over 160 years, Harris-Stowe State University (HSSU) has served the historically underrepresented. As a Historically Black College and University, HSSU is committed to providing a high-quality higher education experience that is both affordable and accessible to the diverse populations within and beyond the metropolitan St. Louis region.

In 2021, the United Health Foundation, the philanthropic arm of UnitedHealth Group, and Harris-Stowe State University announced a three-year, \$2 million grant partnership to grow the pipeline of STEM students interested in health care careers. Through the grant, HSSU is providing introductory summer boot camp programs, scholarships, professional development support and independent research opportunities for high school and undergraduate students.

According to studies by the National Science Foundation, Black Americans are underrepresented at many career stages in health-related sciences nationwide. A diverse health workforce helps provide personalized, culturally relevant care to an increasingly diverse population.



COMMUNITY IMPACT*

161

students supported to date

\$350K+

awarded in scholarships to students pursuing biology and other life sciences

88

students have attended summer boot camps programs to date

*as of 6/30/24

WHY THIS WORK IS CRITICAL?



In just a few weeks, I dove into the world of bioinformatics, merging biology, computer science, and data analysis. From genomics to machine learning, this program equipped me with vital skills and knowledge.”

[Allen Samples](#)

Junior Scholar at Harris-Stowe State University

