

USM PIONEERS: EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR MAINE STUDENTS IN STEM

The University of Southern Maine has recently established The USM Pioneers, a new science, technology, engineering, and math honors program, with highly competitive merit-based awards to attract top Maine high school students interested in a first-rate USM education. The first group of eight Pioneers, to begin study at USM in Fall 2011, will receive:

A four-year scholarship package covering tuition and fees
A laptop computer
Undergraduate research opportunities
Paid internships with exciting opportunities and companies
Select housing in a learning community environment
Faculty mentors

Pioneers will be Maine high school students, admitted into one of the following USM ?STEM? (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) majors: Biochemistry, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Environmental Science, General Science, Geosciences, Industrial Technology, Mathematics, Mechanical Engineering, Natural and Applied Sciences, Physics. Pioneers will be selected on the basis of their academic achievement, particularly in the areas of math and science.

USM Fact :

80% of our science, technology, engineering, and math student interns at USM accept their first professional career positions with the companies where they intern with great starting salaries and responsibilities.

In order to be considered for this award, applications for Fall 2011 admission to one of the majors listed above must be received by USM no later than February 1, 2011, and students must have their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) submitted no later than February 15, 2011.

I ask for your help in sharing this new program information with Maine high school educators as we feel that this is a great opportunity for students. If people have questions about this scholarship, or other USM scholarship opportunities available to first-year students, please contact me at 207-780-5956 or mcwing@usm.maine.edu or Scott Steinberg, Dean of Admissions at (207) 780-5732 or ssteinberg@usm.maine.edu.

Thank you for helping us in promoting this opportunity to Maine students.

Sincerely,

Mike Wing
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