

Victoria College Nuclear Education Scholarship Program

Executive Summary

The goal of the Victoria College Nuclear Education Scholarship (VC NES) Program is to improve educational opportunities and career prospects for students in the VC service area, especially from underrepresented populations. Outreach, financial assistance, comprehensive academic support, and industry partnerships will be utilized in order to meet the following program objectives:

Outreach – Increase the number of Nuclear Education Program participants by establishing a strategic recruitment and marketing plan for attracting potential students to Nuclear Education Programs

Financial Assistance – Increase persistence and completion rates of Nuclear Education Program majors by providing comprehensive financial assistance through scholarships

Academic Support – Increase persistence and completion rates of Nuclear Education Program majors by providing comprehensive academic monitoring and support to Nuclear Education majors

Industry Partnerships – Increase field-specific employment for Nuclear Education Program participants by partnering with local and regional industry and providing job placement assistance, internship opportunities, and other professional collaboration opportunities

VC NES Program participants will benefit from an array of services including academic advisement and monitoring, mentoring, tutoring, Supplemental Instruction, career counseling, and job placement assistance. Local and regional industry will reap the benefits of a well-trained, highly qualified workforce by lending their support to the project through advisement, job placement services, and provision of internships. VC will award at least 15 scholarships of up to \$5,000 each to qualifying students in the first semester of program implementation and will renew scholarship awards, based on continued eligibility and/or make additional awards for a second semester. Funds will be awarded to students based on academic merit and potential, with consideration given to financial need and the goal of promoting the participation of minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

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