About the Program

The President’s Millennial Scholars Program is a newly created four year retention and professional preparation initiative designed to provide undergraduates from underrepresented populations and students of color with necessary skills for success during and after college. The goal of the program is to provide these students access to transformational opportunities that might not be easily accessed. The first two years the program concentrates on a student-centered approach to ensure academic and personal development. The last two years high-light career and professional development with a focus on internships and professional opportunities. Participating students must also maintain full-time status and a grade point average of 2.5.
How the Program Works

While matriculating in the President’s Millennial Scholars Program, students have multiple opportunities to develop. To achieve these goals the program’s staff connects scholars to campus and external resources to help with: career assessments, advising, counseling, scheduling, creating successful study plans, student support programs, and social consciousness among others things.

Creating Community, Building Family

The program’s staff is dedicated to the success of each scholar. Scholars are encouraged to attend diverse programs each semester including: professional/career workshops, professional development workshops, and community/global out-reach programs.

Scholars participate in a monthly professional development opportunity and are encouraged to meet regularly with program staff to discuss academic progress, personal-social engagement, and career-professional related issues; and ascertain the services needed to achieve the stated goals.

Volunteer faculty mentors are also chosen for each student.

The program resides in LSU’s Office of Diversity.

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2015 Reading Initiative

To strengthen scholars’ cultural knowledge, the book Nine Lives was chosen for the 2015 reading initiative. In Nine Lives, Dan Baum offers a multi-voiced biography depicting the lives of nine characters whose lives were changed by two hurricanes: Betsy and Katrina. This book portrays the triumphs, defeats, losses, and gains of the characters and the great city of New Orleans.

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