

# The BLAST Program at Dominican University

A Scholarship Program for Undergraduates Majoring in Biology









## A Message from AnnMarie Dellipizzi

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If you have a passion for biology and can envision yourself pursuing a career in science, then the BLAST program is for you. We are looking for motivated students who want to experience what it's like to be a scientist by engaging in active research. You will be mentored by experts in the field while exploring career options in biology and will participate in a variety of activities geared toward your interests. I promise that you will have a BLAST!

If you are interested in learning more about the BLAST Program or our science program, I would be happy to meet with you in person or virtually.

Please contact me through the Admissions Office at admissions@duny.edu or **1-844-3DU-INFO**.

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### What is the BLAST Program?

The BLAST program at Dominican University supports academically-talented but financially-challenged students, allowing them to complete a baccalaureate degree in the Biological Sciences in four years. In addition, the program provides a variety of resources proven to ensure student success.

#### **Financial Benefits**

You can receive up to \$40,000 from the Program (\$10,000 per year) for your four years at Dominican University. These amounts can be added to your TAP and Pell Grant awards, as well as to other scholarships from the University. The total financial package cannot exceed the estimated cost of attendance at Dominican University. The Office of Financial Aid will determine your need based on information you provide in the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form.

#### Other Benefits of the BLAST Program

As a BLAST Scholar, you will become part of a small, select group of Biology majors who will work with faculty, staff, and administrators to ensure that you have the resources you need to excel in a Biology career.



# You Will Have Special Opportunities for Professional Growth

The BLAST Program will train you as a mentor, organize volunteer opportunities for you in the community, and fund scholarly field trips to professional conferences and research laboratories.

- We will facilitate your placement in off-campus internships, and work closely with the Career Development Center to place you in a Biology career or graduate program upon graduation.
- You will participate in laboratory or field research beginning in your freshman year.
- Each year you will have the opportunity to attend and present at regional conferences, such

- as Tri Beta, Eastern Colleges Science Conference or the SEA PHAGE Symposium.
- In your senior year, select BLAST scholars will have the opportunity to attend a national conference to present their research work. Your research work will also be considered for publication in a peer-reviewed journal.

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#### **How to Apply:**

- **1.** Contact the Office of Admissions at **admissions@duny.edu**, to get answers to any questions you may have.
- **2.** Consider coming to an Open House or other visiting opportunity. Go to **duny.edu/visit**.
- 3. Apply to Dominican College at duny.edu/apply.
- **4.** Complete the separate BLAST Scholarship Application at **duny.edu/blast**.
- **5.** Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid at **studentaid.gov**.

