

Millersville Pre-Scholars Summer Institute



Millersville University

STUDENT ACCESS
AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Our staff is working hard to finalize the details for the 2023 Pre-Scholars Summer Institute (PSSI) and more information about the **FREE** PSSI Program will be available in April. The application will be available on the Student Access and Support Services (SASS) webpage starting in mid-April and will be due in mid-May.

Dates for the 2023 **FREE** PSSI program will be from July 13- August 14.

Student Access and Support Services and Student Affairs looks forward to welcoming you to Millersville University!

The Pre Scholars-Summer Institute is a **FREE** program that prepares first-year students for the transition from high school to college by providing higher level academic skills and strong peer networks through participation in a diverse learning community, centered on academic excellence. By cultivating the talents and proficiencies of PSSI participants, students are empowered to navigate the University environment, utilize systems and resources that support their success and maximize their involvement in the diverse vibrant campus. Throughout the first academic year, PSSI participants will receive customized services that can include mentoring and coaching, as well as networking and social opportunities. Students are expected

to excel in a rigorous academic experience that is supported with strong advisement, personal counseling, and a vibrant living/ learning community. Most importantly, the connections are made as our Pre-Scholar Student will last through their college years and beyond.

PSSI is a **FREE** five-week, six credit extensive program from July 13- Aug 14th that focuses on academic, community and interpersonal skill development in a highly structured and highly supportive environment. Students learn to embrace a positive attitude towards their education and gain the skills necessary for success in higher education. PSSI participants participate in program activities Monday through Sunday. All program classes and activities are mandatory. Space is limited and there is a competitive application process. Completed applications are due May 15 and reviewed on a rolling basis.

WHO QUALIFIES for this FREE Program?

To be eligible, students must be:

- Admitted for the 2023-2024 academic year to apply
- Confirmed for the 2023-2024 academic year to participate
- An incoming first-year student

To learn more about the PSSI program, join us for an informational session:

- April 19, 4pm-5pm
- April 28, 4pm-5pm
- May 11, 4 pm-5pm

PROGRAM BENEFITS

PSSI enables first-year students to jumpstart their university careers as Scholars. Aside from engaging in a curriculum designed to cultivate college readiness, participants also receive a comprehensive orientation to campus and academic requirements. Our goal is to ensure that each PSSI participant transitions into Millersville smoothly which in turn facilitates a solid foundation for student success. Many benefits are gained by participation in the program, including:

Academic Benefits

- Understanding of faculty expectations and University culture
- Preparation for traditionally challenging first-year courses, such as college-level math, anthropology, and English.
- Comprehensive of effective and efficient study strategies based on individual learning styles.
- Exploration of your career option in relation to your life goals, academic skills, and aptitude
- Knowledge of campus resources

Social Benefits

- Establishment of early relationships with key university faculty, professional staff, and administrators
- Opportunity to make lasting peer friendships before school starts
- Integration into a strong support network with peer mentors and leaders
- Opportunity to grapple with issues of social concern or significance

Personal Benefits

- Deeper awareness of self and others through critical dialogues inside and outside the classroom
- Expanded understanding of the diverse racial, ethnic, religious, cultural, and geographical backgrounds that constitute Millersville's global student community
- Development of critical life skills in moving toward becoming an independent and interdependent member of society.

Program Activities

Academic Success

Students will take two courses for credit to prepare for the rigor and pace of college-level academics. Through working with Millersville faculty, professional staff and peer mentors, and outreach counselors, students learn the skills needed to achieve academic success. This includes how to manage your time during the fast-paced Millersville term, how to strengthen study skills, and how to manage stress throughout the year. Students will also use personal self-reflection to better understand past challenges while setting goals for future success.

Transition

These workshops provide critical information about navigating the college experience at Millersville University. Topics include financial literacy, academic resilience, and academic persistence, lifestyle education programs, student wellness, and requirements of being a Millersville student, and creating place and voice at our university. Students will meet with professional staff from departments such as Counseling, Center for Health Education and Promotion, Academic Advisement, MUPD, financial aid and more.

Community-Building Activities

During the five-week program, students participate in residential, interpersonal, and cultural activities, such as food insecurities in Lancaster County, museums, Lancaster Barnstormer games, Lancaster community back to school backpack giveaway, to build friendships and embrace Lancaster as a part of our community.