



## Science Learning Center

The Science Learning Center (SLC) strengthens undergraduate students' success in challenging STEM courses at Michigan through inclusive academic programs and services. We provide students opportunities to teach and learn from each other through peer-led study groups and tutoring, and enhance their knowledge and skills through workshops on metacognition, growth mindset and other critical topics. Every day, over 1,500 students visit the SLC to study, meet with a tutor, apply their learning in a study group, pose questions to a graduate student instructor, and work on class projects and presentations. As an SLC donor, you have the opportunity to help the SLC expand our outreach to even more students who are struggling in some of the most challenging courses offered at the University. You can help us transform the lives of students at risk of dropping out of the STEM fields by bolstering the support they receive inside and outside the classroom. We are excited to announce our 2022-23 student-centered initiatives:

**Academic Coaching Program**  
**DEI Online Training Modules**  
**Success in STEM Videos**  
**Empowerment Speaker Series**  
**Fall Kick-off Event**



## **Academic Coaching Program**

*\$125,000 - \$150,000 Annually*

Undergraduate students often benefit from additional coaching on how to succeed in the rigorous STEM courses offered at Michigan. A gift to this new initiative would provide a full-time program manager and 50 undergraduate peer coaches trained in research-based learning strategies, metacognition, note-taking skills, time management and other topics to help students develop their study strategies and continue their pursuit of a STEM degree.

## **DEI Online Training Modules**

*\$10,000 - \$15,000 Annually*

The SLC in collaboration with UM Office of Academic Innovation created an online training module focused on developing student staff knowledge and intervention strategies in dealing with microaggressions. Ongoing funding would allow us to continue to offer this valuable training to the nearly 350 student staff, including study groups facilitators, tutors, and desk staff, employed annually by the SLC to further our efforts to provide a more inclusive and welcoming environment for all students.

## **Success in STEM Videos**

*\$25,000 - \$30,000*

Short, engaging videos focused on research-based learning strategies, metacognition, growth mindset, and other concepts essential for STEM success can provide students with a fun way to develop their independent learning skills. These videos would complement concepts shared with students during academic coaching, study group, and tutoring sessions.

## **Empowerment Speaker Series**

*\$15,000 - \$25,000*

Underrepresented students face systemic barriers to achieving a STEM degree. This series will provide students with opportunities to hear and learn from prominent local and national STEM leaders from diverse backgrounds.

## **Fall Kick-off Event**

*\$5,000 - \$10,000*

As one of the largest learning centers in the country, the SLC employs nearly 400 student staff in a variety of support roles, including study group facilitator, course leader, tutor team leader, tutor, and desk staff member. As we return to in-person services, this catered kick-off event would bring together all of our student staff to feel a sense of unity and inspiration regarding the important work we do. The event would establish a shared purpose, connect our work to the larger values and mission of the college, and provide students with community and the opportunity to engage in-person with one another.

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