

## US MASTER Scholarships for Qualifying Physics Majors (Undergraduate Scholarships with Mathematics And Science Training, Exploration and Research)

The US MASTER Program is open to students majoring in biology, chemistry, environmental studies, geography & GISc, mathematics, and **physics & astrophysics** in UND College of Arts and Sciences. The program provides support for talented students with **financial need**, who **demonstrate an interest** in pursuing a career in their chosen field (excluding professional tracks, e.g. medical careers) and are **enrolled in the supported majors** (listed above). The US MASTER program emphasizes development of scientific research skills.

The US MASTER scholarship program provides financial support typically \$4,000 to \$10,000 a year upon annual readmission and financial need (FAFSA). Recipients are chosen on the basis of competitive selection, and must meet renewal criteria in order to be eligible for yearly support. Students are expected to enroll each semester in a one-credit seminar, and encouraged to pursue active research or teaching oriented components.

**The application deadline is January 21 2018**

Apply at <https://arts-sciences.und.edu/us-master-scholarship/applyhere.cfm>

### Eligibility

- Eligibility for student financial aid based on Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form demonstrating need for the financial award. The need is determined as a cost of attendance (COA) minus Estimated Family Contribution (EFC).
- College GPA  $\geq 3.0$
- Full time enrollment in one of the science majors listed above
- US citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Personal statement (~300 words) describing interest in sciences, the importance of the US MASTER scholarship, interest in science-oriented research with regard to future career. **Please note** that students with pre-professional career goals (e.g. medical school) are only eligible if they demonstrate an interest in research or similar science/mathematics experience.
- One-Two recommendations. One of the recommendations should be from an instructor/teacher or others involved in the applicant's educational experience.

### To prepare for application you will need:

- Complete the UND admission application at on the [admission web site](#).
- Full time enrollment in biology, chemistry, environmental sciences, geography & GISc, mathematics or physics and astrophysics degree program.
- Complete the Free Application for [Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#); this is required to demonstrate unmet need for the financial award package to be provided by UND.
- Have a completed personal statement (~300 words) describing your interest in science and/or mathematics, the importance of the US MASTER scholarship, interest in science-oriented research with regard to your future career goals. **Please note** that students with pre-professional career goals (e.g. medical school) are only eligible if they demonstrate an interest in research or similar science/mathematics experience.

- Complete [Financial FERPA](#) Privacy Academic and Financial Record Release Form listing US MASTER program (you will need a code) listing as recipient the US MASTER program at [und.US\\_Masters@und.edu](mailto:und.US_Masters@und.edu)
- Have the contact information of two recommenders (one of them should be science instructor or research mentor). A link will be provided to each recommender when you fill in the application online.
- College students (returning or transfer) need to submit a transcript: An unofficial copy of the transcript is acceptable.

**Expectations:**

Students will be awarded scholarship on competitive basis. Upon offer and acceptance of the scholarship, student will be expected to participate in the US MASTER seminar (1-credit). The seminar will meet once every week (starting February 2018). The aim of this seminar is to bring US MASTER students together as a cohort, enabling personalized interaction with peers and other faculty. The seminar sessions are informal, allowing students to talk about their experiences and problems. The seminar's goal is to provide professional development and to inform students about research and teaching opportunities as well as development of science identity. Within the seminar, students are asked to complete short writing assignments addressing both research and professional development.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at [und.US\\_Masters@ad.ndus.edu](mailto:und.US_Masters@ad.ndus.edu) if you have any questions or concerns.