ExCEL Computing Scholarships
For Undergraduate or Graduate Studies

Anchored by a multi-year $600,000 grant from the National Science Foundation, the ExCEL program will provide scholarships and other services to academically talented students who are in need of financial support. All awards provide $5,000 per year as a supplement to other financial aid (typically substantial at the undergraduate level). Graduate awards also include tuition remission valued at over $7,000. Undergraduates may select a number of different majors that are offered by the computer science department or through interdepartmental programs; graduate students also have a choice of majors offered by the computer science department.

Concise Eligibility Requirements

- U.S. citizen, national, or permanent resident
- Full-time enrollment in a computing major. (For undergraduates, choices are: Bioinformatics, Communications Networks and Security, Computer Science, Computer Science and Mathematics, Computer Science and Physics, Information Technology, or Software Development.)
- Financial need (established through FAFSA for undergraduates).

Selection Process and Criteria

Once the above eligibility criteria are satisfied, selection of scholarship recipients will focus on academic merit and career and leadership potential. However, the selection committee may also consider such issues as diversity of student interests and demographics.

Any student meeting the eligibility criteria in the section above may apply, but some guidance on academic thresholds likely to be met by most successful applicants is available at [http://www.cs.luc.edu/financial/excel](http://www.cs.luc.edu/financial/excel). This website also includes additional information and access to all necessary forms; application is free.