

## APPLICATION PROCESS

All students interested in being a Temple University Philadelphia Diamond Scholar or Mentor must complete an application.

Applications are available at the Office of Multicultural Affairs, located in Mitten Hall. You can also download an application at [www.temple.edu/OMCA](http://www.temple.edu/OMCA)

For additional information, please call 215-204-5509.



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## TEMPLE UNIVERSITY PHILADELPHIA DIAMOND SCHOLARS PROGRAM

*Mentoring Students to Academic,  
Professional and Personal Success*



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## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Temple University Philadelphia Diamond Scholars program, or PhDS for short, is a mentoring program administered by the Student Support Services Division of the Office of Multicultural Affairs designed to improve the retention and graduation rates of Temple University students with a Philadelphia background. PhDS provides academic and professional support services to students



from a wide variety of backgrounds, and provides a venue for students to forge social and cultural ties essential for academic success, while strengthening identities and enhancing satisfaction with the entire undergraduate experience.

The program is open to any incoming new or first year transfer student who is committed to being academically successful at Temple University by participating in an array of academic, social and professional activities offered through PhDS.

The program will provide on-going support, coaching, and guidance through individual and group counseling, workshops, and personal development activities.

## MISSION AND OBJECTIVES:

The program is designed to help students navigate through Temple by providing assistance in:

- improving academic performance
- making connections throughout the university
- adjusting to college life
- understanding of academic culture
- developing productive relationships with peers, faculty and administrators
- finding on-campus employment
- finding a summer job
- getting an internship
- Adjusting to their major
- preparing for a professional career



## PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

As part of the first year experience, Philadelphia Diamond Scholars will participate in a series of seminars designed to foster an understanding and appreciation of academic life. Mentors will participate in the facilitation of seminars and provided individualized support to PhDS.

The first year seminars focus on orienting PhDS to academic culture and college life. The seminars will include *Keys to Academic Success*, *Developing Productive Relationships with Faculty*, and *Time/College Management*.

Scholars will participate in ongoing self-assessment and awareness activities that facilitate them understanding their mission in life and identify their optimum academic and professional possibilities. The program will encourage participants to view life, career and professional planning as integral part of being a successful person through the development of an **Academic and Professional Plan**.

As the program is designed to develop the whole student, Scholars will participate in seminars and activities geared towards their holistic development. The Holistic Development Program focuses students on becoming a member of the campus



community by participating in campus leadership opportunities, developing a commitment to health and wellness, participating

in community service projects, and developing a lifelong commitment to learning.

Additional benefits: include:

- Free academic, career and professional assessment tools and testing
- Free trips to cultural enrichment events including museums, lecture series, concerts, films, and conferences
- Free seminars, workshops, and web-based tools for enhanced academic performance and professional development
- Free assistance in securing internships, externships, and employment