**Project SEED Financial Guidelines to Determine Stipend Eligibility.**

Project SEED Summer Research program students are eligible to receive a fellowship stipend award of $2,500.00 IF their parent/s or guardian/s total household income does not exceed 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

**Understanding Financial Eligibility: Family Income Requirements**

[**This information comes from American Chemical Society – click here to read it yourself**](http://portal.acs.org/portal/acs/corg/content?_nfpb=true&_pageLabel=PP_SUPERARTICLE&node_id=1598&use_sec=false&sec_url_var=region1&__uuid=9a655e12-50e2-4425-a0e8-de4876b0bd2e)

**You must be recognized as economically disadvantaged to be considered for Project SEED. Preference is given to students whose maximum family income does not exceed 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty) based on family size.**

Clicking the Federal Poverty Guidelines shows an income table. The column on the left side shows the 200% values which are the upper limits for household income for stipend eligibility. Notice that these numbers represent ‘guidelines’ and not a hard requirement. Each year some students with family income outside these guidelines have been awarded stipends based on special circumstances. On the application part 4 there is a place for you to inform us if there are special circumstances you would like for us to consider in determining stipend eligibility.

***Note: all students receiving the $2500.00 stipend will need to submit their family’s tax return forms upon acceptance to the program and the numbers on the tax forms should reflect the numbers on application part 4.***

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| **Poverty Guidelines for the** | | | |
| **48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia**  **For Household Number (all people in the family)** | | | |
|  |  | **NOTICE**  **HERE!** | |
| **Household**  **Total #** | **Poverty Guideline** | **200%**  **amount** |
| 1 | $11,490 | $22,980 |
| 2 | $15,510 | $31,020 |
| 3 | $19,530 | $39,060 |
| 4 | $23,550 | $47,100 |
| 5 | $27,570 | $55,140 |
| 6 | $31,590 | $63,180 |
| 7 | $35,610 | $71,220 |
| 8 | $39,630 | $78,260 |
| for families/households with ***add $8,040***  more than 8 total, add $4,020 ***per person***  for each additional person | | |