

**Center for Student Empowerment
One-Time Requests FY24**

The Center for Student Empowerment respectfully submits five (5) requests for FY2024 One-Time Allocation Requests to enhance programs and services.

The requests for funding are as follows:

FY24 One-time Request Summary

1. Black Excellence Scholars Training (BEST)	\$3,657.00
2. First Generation Summer Bridge	\$10,918.00
3. UH Dreamers Initiatives	\$10,070.00
4. Las Comadres	\$5,300.00
5. Fostering Success Initiative	\$6000.00
Total	\$35,945.00

FY24 One-Time Request #1 – Black Excellence Scholars Training (BEST)

Overview

Black Excellence Scholar Training (BEST) Program seeks to serve as a two-semester independent and interdisciplinary learning experience open to historically disenfranchised and underrepresented African Americans students across all majors. Through its mission BEST creates possibilities and changes the landscape of students achieving and retaining high honors throughout their academic career.

BEST Program Elements

- Mentorship from UH Faculty Member
- Educational and Social Programming to Enhance Student Experience
- Travel to Professional and Leadership Development conferences
- Cohort-Style Peer Relationships
- Semester Stipend

Statement of Need

The mission of the BEST program is in direct alignment with the strategic plan of the Center for Student Empowerment (CSE). CSE works to progress its strategic goals by empowering students with academic, personal, and professional development resources that propel student success. Notably, BEST works to create resources and opportunities for minority and underserved students by offering holistic advising to prevent minor obstacles from becoming major setbacks to degree achievement. As a result, the BEST Program through the initiation of CSE, proves to be the ideal initiative to provide opportunities to change the landscape of black honors programs in higher education that will foster intellectual independence, motivate academically talented students, prepare students for graduate school and professional careers, and promote lifelong learning. Furthermore, to contribute to the respond to the demands of an increasing population of diverse identities on college and university campuses, Center for Student Empowerment seeks to identify and support undergraduate students interested in participating in BEST. A sponsorship through

CSE will ensure the achievement of the following goals:

- Goal #1: Expand opportunities for educationally and economically underserved citizens
- Goal #2: Support strategic initiatives of CSE for student success through learning, engagement and discovery
- Goal #3: Create and engage in a strategic partnership with University of Houston faculty members mentoring students, foster intellectual independence, engage in independent and interdisciplinary learning experience to create a pipeline of diverse student leaders prepared for graduate studies and become contributing professional in the workforce.

DSA Strategic Initiative

DSA Strategic Initiative Student Success: Champion exceptional opportunities and services to support all UH students.-

Foster the **holistic well-being** of all students through coordinated, intentional services and processes. Expand **diverse experiences** on exploration and education while identifying and meeting the needs of our student population through supportive, inclusive environments. Enrich the sense of **connection, belonging, and shared UH identity** among all students.

Funding Request:

Please note: These numbers are based on 30 participants

Conference	\$1950.00
Marketing/shirts	\$1000.00
End of Year Event	\$500.00
<u>Sub Total</u>	<u>\$3450.00</u>
Total for	
6% Administration Fee	\$207.00
Total	\$3,657.00