

## 2022-23 TRIO SSS - PRIME STEM Application



TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) is a federal program funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The SSS grant provides opportunities for academic development, assists students with basic college requirements, and serves to motivate students toward the successful completion of their post-secondary education. The goal of the SSS grant is to increase the college retention and graduation rates of its participants.

The Ginsburg Center for Inclusion and Community Engagement's TRIO Program offers **two** SSS programs:

- PRIME STEM for students in STEM Majors: *biology, biomedical sciences, computer science, health sciences, engineering, and information technology* (124 qualified students)
- Project BEST for students in all majors (excluding STEM listed above) at UCF (144 qualified students)

Students are accepted to an SSS program based on eligibility criteria, academic need, and space availability. Completion of this application does not guarantee acceptance into either program.

### Applicant Checklist

- Official Application
- □ Signed Student Agreement
- □ For applicants with a financial need, proof of income is required. Refer to "Income Verification Instructions" for details.
- Individualized Academic Plan
- □ Research Study Consent Form (Soft Skills Deficit)
- □ Career Readiness/Development Pre & Post Course Survey
- □ Research Study Consent Form (Personal & Family Finances)
- Personal Finance Curriculum Pre & Post Course Survey

## TRIO Programs

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Date://	UNIVERSITY OF	CENTRAL FLORIDA Application for:  PRIME STEM	
Student Name:		PID:	
Date of Birth://///	UCF Email:	(	@knights.ucf.edu
Home Phone: ()		Cell Phone: ()	
Preferred method of contact:   Email	□ Text □ Call □	] Social Media 🛛 Online platform (Zoom, Sky	pe, Facetime, etc.)
Local Address:			
City	State	Zip	
Permanent Address:			
City	State	Zip	
Do you work? 🛛 Yes 🖓 No		If yes, how many hours each week?	
Do you consider yourself Hispanic/Latin	io? 🗆 Yes 🗆	l No	
Gender:		Select the race or races with which you ide	-
□ Male □ Female		American Indian/Alaskan Native Black or African American	□ Asian
Conter/No Response		□ Native American/Other Pacific Islander	□ White
Citizenship: 🛛 US Citizen 🖾 US Perr	nanent Resident [Re	esident ID#	]
	ELIGIBILITY I	NFORMATION	
TRIO SSS Programs serve college students who Programs Current-Year Low-Income Levels, and generation and low-income.			-
Has your mother completed a bachelor's degr	r <b>ee?</b> 🗆 Yes	□ No	
Has your father completed a bachelor's degre	e? 🗆 Yes	□ No	
Have you completed a FAFSA?	□ No		
Does your financial aid package include a Pell If you indicated Yes or Unknown, you		□ No □ Unknown proof of income (see "Income Verification Inst	ructions").
Please select all programs of assistance you o         Public Assistance TAN-F       Soc         Vocational Rehabilitation (Described)	cial Security	household receive: Veteran's Benefits	_)
Do you have a disability?  Yes No	Are you registered	d with UCF Student Accessibility Services?	∃Yes □No
Have you previously participated in a Federal If yes, select the program(s): Upward Bound Educational Opportunity Center	□ Student Support □ Upward Bound I	☐ Yes ☐ No t Services ☐ Talent Search Math/Science ☐ Veterans Upward Bound ir Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program	



UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Academic Stand	ling:	🗆 0-29 hour	rs 🗆	] 30-59 hours	□ 60-8	9 hours	□ 90+	hours		
When was/is yo	our first se	emester at U	CF?	□ Summer	🗆 Fall	🗆 Spri	ng	Year:		
Are you a transf	fer studer	nt? □Yes □	⊐No D	)o you have a	n AA? 🗆 Ye	5 🗆 No	What in	stitution?		
Major:					Minor: _					
What is your pro	ojected U	CF graduatic	on date?	🗆 Sumn	ner 🗆 F	all 🛛	Spring	Year: _		-
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Answer the follo	owing qu									
Describe your career and/or professional goals.										
What academic	and/or pe	ersonal obstc	acles do y	you face in col	mpleting you	ur degree a	at UCF?			



#### Confidentiality and Release of Information

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education. Additionally, The Privacy Act of 1974, Title 5 U.S.C. § 552a, establishes a code of fair information practice that governs the collection, maintenance, use, and dissemination of personally identifiable information about individuals that is maintained in systems of records by federal agencies.

- I. Documentation, I hereby give permission for the Student Support Services Program to retrieve, store, and report the following information: College Grade Reports and Transcripts (official and unofficial), SAT/ACT Scores, Financial Aid Award Notices, and, if applicable, documentation regarding status as a Learning Disabled (LD) or Physically Impaired person, or any other information regarding my status as a University of Central Florida student.
- II. **Tracking**, I hereby give permission for the Student Support Services Program to retrieve, store, and report education verification information and student outcomes research about me that is gained from the National Student Clearinghouse and other sources.
- III. Images, I give Student Support Services permission to photograph, video tape and/or record me. Further, I give permission for the Student Support Services Program to use and store these images on Web sites, brochures and/or program and media related publications.
- IV. Sharing, I hereby give permission for the Student Support Services Program to share my UCF email, phone number, permanent address, class schedule and learning style with SDES TRIO Center student staff (peer mentors, peer tutors, and academic coaches) to use in student-to-student sessions.

I understand that the information contained herein will be kept in confidence and will not be revealed to anyone except Student Support Services personnel, University of Central Florida officials such as the Registrar's Office, Student Disability Services, Office of Financial Assistance or representatives of the United States Department of Education and in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

Student Last Name (please print)	First Name	
Student Signature	Date	
SDES TRIO Center Signature	Date	



## **PRIME STEM Student Agreement**

#### Student Name: \_\_\_\_

I understand the goal of the PRIME STEM/TRIO Student Support Services Program (TRIO) is to increase the college retention and graduation rates of its participants and help students make the transition from one level of higher education to the next. PRIME STEM enhances my academic success at the University of Central Florida through various support services such as but not limited to:

- ✤ Academic Tutoring
- ✤ Advice and assistance in post-secondary course selection
- Education/counseling to improve financial and economic literacy
- Information in applying for Federal Student Aid
- Assistance in completing and applying for Federal Student Aid
- Assistance in applying for admission to Graduate School and obtaining Federal Student Aid

#### Please initial each item to indicate that you are in agreement.

 _ I agree to attend the PRIME STEM Orientation.
I agree to meet with the PRIME STEM Coordinator <b>at least once each semester (fall and</b>
spring).
 _ I agree to complete an Individualized Academic Plan (IAP) each academic year and review with
the PRIME STEM Coordinator.
 _ I agree to meet with my Academic Coach <b>at least once each semester</b> (fall and spring).
 _ I agree to participate in a minimum of two (2) PRIME STEM activities each fall and spring. (Activities
include, workshops, learning communities, etc.)
 _ I agree to complete at least one Canvas assignment each academic year under each of the
following for (4) modules: Academic Skills, Financial/Economic Literacy, Career Readiness, and

- Financial Aid.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I agree to attend a **minimum of one (1)** TRIO event each year (i.e. TRIO Day, TRIO End of the Year event, Exam Jam, etc.).
- \_\_\_\_\_I agree to meet with a Peer Mentor/Peer Tutor, as needed.
- \_\_\_\_\_I agree to attend class regularly as set forth by the institution.
- I agree to make a concerted effort to achieve and sustain satisfactory progress in all UCF coursework (minimum 3.0 or higher GPA). If my GPA falls below a 3.0 or if I am not doing well in a class, I understand that I must meet with a PRIME STEM staff member to arrange for extra academic support.

I understand that I will automatically be disqualified from the program if I am disqualified from the University of Central Florida or join another TRIO Program. Students cannot be enrolled in two TRIO programs simultaneously. Further, I understand either the Program Manager or I may void this contract without any obligations. I am aware that federal regulations require Student Support Services to monitor my progress for six years from my acceptance date.



#### Why do we ask for financial documentation?

According to federal guidelines, TRIO Student Support Services must provide documentation of a student's eligibility for the program to the U.S. Department of Education. Regulations state that two-thirds of participants must meet the federal first-generation *and* low-income guidelines.

#### What are the Federal TRIO Programs Current-Year Low-Income Levels?

Size of Family Unit	48 Contiguous States, D.C., and Outlying Jurisdictions	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$21,870	\$27,315	\$25,155
2	\$29,580	\$36,960	\$34,020
3	\$37,290	\$46,605	\$42,885
4	\$45,000	\$56,250	\$51,750
5	\$52,710	\$65,895	\$60,615
6	\$60,420	\$75,540	\$69,480
7	\$68,130	\$85,185	\$78,345
8	\$75,840	\$94,830	\$87,210

#### Effective January 19, 2023 until further notice

For family units with more than eight members, add the following amount for each additional family member: \$7,710 for the 48 contiguous states, the District of Columbia and outlying jurisdictions; \$9,645 for Alaska; and \$8,865 for Hawaii.

The term "low-income individual" means an individual whose family's taxable income for the preceding year did not exceed 150 percent of the poverty level amount.

The figures shown under family income represent amounts equal to 150 percent of the family income levels established by the Census Bureau for determining poverty status. The poverty guidelines were published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the Federal Register on January 19, 2023 and are effective as of January 19, 2023.



## **Income Verification Instructions**

#### What kinds of forms are accepted for verification?

There are two options for completing income verification.

Option A is to provide a copy of your 2021 tax return forms (1040) if you are an INDEPENDENT student or to provide a copy of your parent's/legal guardian's 2021 tax return forms if you are a DEPENDENT student. Your parent/legal guardian's signature must be on the form.

Option B is to complete the applicable Income Verification Form (either INDEPENDENT or DEPENDENT) and provide a printout of your 2022-2023 FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR). <u>Your parent/legal guardian's signature must be on the SAR</u> if you are DEPENDENT student.

#### How do I know if I am an independent or dependent student?

If you answer YES to any of the following questions, you are considered an INDEPENDENT student. If you answer NO to all of the following questions, you are a DEPENDENT student.

Yes	No	Were you born before January 1, 1997?
Yes	No	Are you less than 18 years of age and have no parent or guardian?
Yes	No	Prior to reaching 18 years of age, were you an emancipated minor or
		did you have a court-appointed legal guardian?
Yes	No	At any time since reaching 13 years of age, were you an orphan, in
		foster care, or a ward of the court?
Yes	No	Are you married?
Yes	No	Do you have children or other dependents (other than a spouse who
		received more than half of their support from you)?
Yes	No	Are you serving active duty (for other than training purposes) in the
		U.S. Armed Forces?
Yes	No	Are you a U.S. Armed Forces veteran who was on active duty and was
		released under a condition other than dishonorable?
Yes	No	Are you homeless (i.e. you lack a fixed, regular, and adequate
		nighttime residence) or are at risk of becoming homeless?



## **Income Verification Form (Dependent Students)**

The following information is utilized in determining your eligibility for this program and will <u>remain confidential</u>. Failure to accurately answer a question(s) may result in denial of your application.

If you are a DEPENDENT student for financial aid purposes, please complete Sections A and B. Provide a printout of your FAFSA Student Aid Report along with this completed form.

## Check one of the following:

## Section A: Your parent/legal guardian must answer questions (as appropriate).

\_\_\_\_ My family filed a 2022 **or** 2021 *(circle one)* tax return.

- a. What is the total number of people (including you) in your household? \_\_\_\_\_ people
- b. What was your <u>taxable</u> (not total) income in 2022 **or** 2021 *(circle one)*\$\_\_\_\_\_ Your taxable income can be found on the federal income tax return:

On IRS Form 1040 (2022 or 2021), see line 15

My family <u>did not</u> file a 2022 **or** 2021 tax return.

# Section B: Please read the following statement and then sign and date. Your parent or legal guardian must also read the following statement and then sign and date.

By signing this 2022-2023 Income Verification Form, I am verifying that the information that I have provided to UCF TRIO Student Support Services program is true and correct.

PRINT Student's Name

PRINT Parent or Legal Guardian's Name

Student's Signature

Parent or Legal Guardian's Signature

Date

Date



## **Income Verification Form (Independent Students)**

The following information is utilized in determining your eligibility for this program and will <u>remain confidential</u>. Failure to accurately answer a question(s) may result in denial of your application.

If you are an INDEPENDENT student for financial aid purposes, please complete Sections A and B. Provide a printout of your FAFSA Student Aid Report along with this completed form.

## Check one of the following:

## Section A: Answer the questions about <u>yourself</u> (as appropriate).

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. I filed a 2022 **or** 2021 *(circle one)* tax return.
  - a. What is the total number of people (including you) in your household? \_\_\_\_\_ people
  - b. What was your taxable (not total) income in 2022 **or** 2021 *(circle one)*? \$\_\_\_\_\_ Your taxable income can be found on the federal income tax return:

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\_\_\_\_\_ 2. I <u>did not</u> file a 2022 **or** 2021 tax return.

### Section B: Please read the following statement and then sign and date.

By signing this 2022-2023 Income Verification Form, I am verifying that the information that I have provided to the UCF TRIO Student Support Services program is true and correct.

PRINT Student's Name

Student's Signature

Date



## Individualized Academic Plan

To be completed by <u>all</u> PRIME STEM scholars in the first semester of SSS program.

Student Name:	UCF ID:
Major:	Anticipated Graduation Date:
Are you a transfer student?  Yes No	Do you have your Associate in Arts? 🛛 Yes 📋 No

The purpose of this growing document is to develop a plan for your success by identifying factors that will strengthen your academics, prepare you for graduation and beyond, improve your financial knowledge, and allow you to make the most of your time as a student at UCF.

Why did you choose you major? What do you aim to accomplish by earning your degree/what is your career goal?	
What do you anticipate to be your biggest obstacle(s) in reaching your full academic and career potential?	
What other skills do you want to learn during your time at UCF that will help you after graduating (public speaking/communication, leadership, etc.)?	
What PRIME STEM services do you think will most benefit you?	
Supplementary Advising	Review degree audit before registration; consult before changing majors or adding minors
Academic Tutoring	Math, statistics, chemistry, and biology courses:
Education/Counseling to improve financial and economic literacy	Assistance in creating a financial plan or goal setting
Information/Assistance in applying for Financial Aid	Assistance looking for scholarships and reviewing application materials
Assistance applying for admission to Graduate/Professional	Reviewing schools, admission requirements, and application materials
Peer Mentoring	Getting involved, experiences with particular courses, school/life balance, study assistance
Academic Coaching	Goal setting, time management, study skills, school/life balance

Student Signature		Date
Reviewed by	on	

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## Be a Part of the Student Support Services (TRIO) Research Study "Helping SSS Students Bridge the Soft Skills Deficit"



#### What: The Student Support Services (TRIO) Research Study

You are being invited to take part in a research study. Whether you take part is up to you.

The purpose of this research is to analyze data collected from TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) to study how information provided to students minimize the adverse impact of poor decisions in general and specifically, decisions involving personal finance.

As part of the SSS program (PRIME STEM) requirements, you will complete:

- Individual Academic Plan
- Career Plan

Signature: \_\_\_\_

- Pre and Post Course Surveys
- Online career readiness/development modules via Canvas

We are requesting access to the Individual Academic Plan (IAP), Career Plan, Pre & Post Course Surveys, and online career readiness/development modules to analyze for research purposes.

Your participation in this study is voluntary. You are free to withdraw your consent and discontinue participation in this study at any time without prejudice or penalty. Your decision to participate or not participate in this study will in no way affect your relationship with UCF or relationship with TRIO SSS, including continued enrollment, grades, employment or your relationship with the individuals who may have an interest in this study.

The Individual Academic Plan; Career Plan; Pre and Post Course Surveys; and online career readiness/development modules may include your identifiable information such as name, contact information, and demographic information. This will only be accessed by study team members. The electronic data will be password protected, and data collected on paper will be housed in a locked cabinet in a locked room in the SSS office. All study data, including identifiable data, will be kept five years after the study closure. None of your identifiable information will be used in the publication of this study.

You must be 18 years of age or older and a UCF undergraduate student participating in the SSS program: PRIME STEM to take part in this research study.

**Study contact for questions about the study or to report a problem:** If you have questions, concerns, or complaints contact: Dr. Rebekah Mc Cloud, Executive Director, TRIO Programs, (407) 823-0344 or by email at rebekah.mccloud@ucf.edu.

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□ Yes, I would like to be a part of the study.

□ No, I would not like to be a part of the study.

Name:	 	 	

\_\_\_\_

Date:

□ PRIME STEM BEST





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## **Career Readiness/Development Pre & Post Course Survey**

Complete this form ONLY if you have agreed to participate in the affiliated research study

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions: Place an "X" by your chosen answer.

Question

Yes

No

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1. Do you currently have a written career plan?
2. Do you know what jobs are included in the "in-demand industry sector or occupations"?
3. Do you feel one of the most important factors to consider when choosing a career is income potential?
4. Can you identify the technical, or "hard", skills associated with the career for which you are preparing?
5. Can you identify the "soft" skills associated with the career for which you are preparing?
6. Do you know what the term "critical thinking skills" means?
7. Do you have the ability to communicate effectively?
8. Can you solve problems creatively?
9. Do you know how to work collaboratively?
10. Do you know how to adapt to changing priorities?
11. Do you have good oral and written communications?
12. Do you think service learning is useful to your career planning?
13. Do you plan to complete an internship before you graduate?
14. Do you have an "elevator speech"?
15. Do you plan to complete a job shadowing experience?
16. Can you identify essential employability skills?
17. Do you know what the industry certifications are for your planned career?
18. Do you have a mentor?
19. Have you attended a career fair?
20. Have you visited the Career Services office?



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Yes, I would like to be a part of the study.	No, I would not like to be a part of the study		
Name:	Date:		
Signature:	PRIME STEM     BEST		





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## Personal Finance Curriculum Pre & Post Course Survey

Complete this form ONLY if you have agreed to participate in the affiliated research study

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions: Place an "X" by your chosen answer.

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

□ PRIME STEM BEST

Yes	No	Question
		1. Do you currently make a written monthly budget?
		2. Do you think it is important to build up your FICO score by taking out credit cards and car loans?
		3. Do you feel one of the most important factors to consider when choosing a career is income potential?
		4. Can you receive a free credit report once a year from each of the three major credit bureaus?
		5. Do you currently have an emergency fund?
		6. Do you save money on a regular basis?
		7. Do you use coupons?
		8. Do you know how to protect your identity?
		9. Do you think having a credit card is necessary to build your credit?
		10. Do you know how to save money on car insurance?
		11. Do you think having renter's insurance is necessary when you rent an apartment or live in a college dorm?
		12. Do you think it is necessary to take out a student loan to go to college?
		13. Do you know the difference between a credit union and a bank?
		14. Do you know what to do to request a rate reduction on your credit card interest rate?
		15. Do you make a weekly meal plan?
		16. Have you ever used the "30-day rule" while shopping?
		17. Do you know how much money you actually take home per hour you devote to work?
		18. Do you comparison shop?
		19. Do you have a hobby that have an upkeep cost?
		20. Do you spend more than \$10 on convenience food per week?
Adapted from Wann, C. R. (2016). The Impact of Teaching Financial Literacy to College Students. Journal of Economic & Financial Literacy & Hamm, T. (2019). 60 Simple Rules of Personal Finance at <u>https://www.thesimpledollar.com/save-money/sixty-simple-rules-of-personal-finance/</u> .		