



PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

A Member of The Texas A&M University System

Dear Future PCI Participant,

Thank you for your consideration of the PCI (Premedical Concepts Institute) program. PCI (Premedical Concepts Institute) began in 1977 to increase the number of doctors of medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, optometry, and veterinary medicine from under-represented cultures. PCI is an educational pathway starting with a ten week academic acceleration summer institute where biology majors complete 12 semester credit hours of freshmen biology courses required for the 127 semester credit hours B. S. in Biology. Therefore, PCI biology majors enroll in sophomore level biology courses of genetics and botany for the upcoming fall and spring semesters as part of the academic enhancement component of PCI consisting of a special study center, health careers seminars, student health profession's organization activities and premedical conferences. Of the 1200 plus PCI participants, the majority were able to graduate in less than 4 years as a result of their participation in the Summer Bridge PCI Program. PCI earned national recognition for being the leading producer of African Americans admitted to schools of medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, optometry, and veterinary medicine from the state of Texas.


The Biology Department offers a *Summer Bridge PCI Scholarship for students who meet the following qualifications:


- Acceptance to Prairie View A&M University for Fall 2019
- Applied for the FY2019-20 FAFSA
- A Minimum overall GPA requirement of 3.0
- Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Mathematics) GPA of 3.0
- A 250-word essay
- Unofficial Transcript with Application
- Official High School Transcript after Graduation

***Any Out-of-State students who receive the scholarship will be responsible for all out-of-state fees.**

Deadline for receipt of the applications is April 1 2019. All applications should be emailed to hblock@pvamu.edu and elwilson@pvamu.edu. If there are questions in reference to the Summer Bridge Biology PCI Program, please call the biology office at 936-261-3175.

Sincerely,


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