

Providing Innovative Residential and Transfer Engineering Support

(PIRATES)

The ECU Department of Engineering and the Associate in Engineering Programs at Lenoir CC, Pitt CC, and Wayne CC, have received a \$4 million grant from the National Science Foundation to create a scholarship program for 2 cohorts of students studying engineering beginning in Fall 2020 and Fall 2021.

- · Scholarships Up To \$10,000/year (\$3k/year @ PCC and \$10K/year at ECU, \$26k total)
 - Based on financial aid eligibility as determined by FAFSA application
- · Faculty and Peer Mentoring
- · Living-Learning Community while at ECU
- · Textbook Lending Library
- · Professional Development Opportunities
- · Exposure to a Variety of Career Opportunities
- · Free Tutoring

Beginning in the Fall 2020, 10 Associate in Engineering (AE) students per year will be selected to be PIRATES Scholars. These students will be selected to apply from first time college students matriculating to Community College's AE program who meet financial aid eligibility as determined by FAFSA application. Additionally, 5 alternate scholars will be selected. These will be students who meet the qualifications but may not have met the full financial need at the community college.

Students applying to this program will be required to submit high school and/or current college transcripts, standardized testing scores, if available, (SAT, ACT scores, AP scores) a recommendation letter from a teacher or an employer if the student has been out of High School for more than 3 years. There are two essays that are also required. Grades and recommendations for current high school students participating in PCC Career and College Promise program will be strongly considered.

Applications will be evaluated on a rolling basis. Selected students will be required to commit to the PCC Pirate program by signing the Pirates scholar agreement within 30 days of the offer. It is anticipated that a total of 10 finalists and 5 alternates will be selected per year from this process.

While at PCC, this includes full time tuition; the estimated amount is \$1,290.20 per semester for tuition and access to a lending library for STEM textbooks The non -financial aspects include Engineering outreach projects, field trips to visit ECU, and surrounding industries. Students must maintain academic standards and show progress toward graduation from ECU Engineering program to maintain eligibility for the scholarship.

Access the application by logging into your my.pittcc.edu email account before clicking on the link.
<https://forms.gle/qDr4h7socJEQqGqC8>

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