



# EDGE Scholarship

Enhancing *Diversity* in *Geoscience Education*

Overcoming Financial Barriers for Undergraduate Geoscience Students

The UAF Geoscience Department offers the **EDGE Scholarship** which provides financial and academic support to low-income students. The scholarship is designed to help undergraduate students with demonstrated financial need complete a Bachelor's degree in Geoscience. Funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation (#2424998), the program provides the following to EDGE scholars:

- Up to \$15,000 in scholarship funding per year for up to five years
- Participation in the Geo Learning Community which offers academic, social, and professional development opportunities for Geoscience undergraduate students
- Connection to a cohort of other EDGE Scholars



## Eligibility

Selection as an EDGE scholar requires:

- Low-income status\*
- Unmet financial need
- Domestic status (U.S. citizen, U.S. national, non-citizen admitted as a refugee, or non-citizen admitted as a permanent resident)
- Declared Geoscience Major
- Enrolled in at least 12 credits (full time student)
- Completion of the FAFSA

\*Students who are eligible for Federal Pell Grants and Federal TRIO programs (Upward Bound, Student Support Services) may be eligible for the EDGE Scholarship. Participation in these programs is not required to become an EDGE scholar.



## Funding Details

Students will be awarded up to \$7,500 each semester, based on their unmet financial need. Retention of this scholarship is based on:

- Maintaining a minimum 2.5 GPA each semester
- Attending regular Geo Learning Community meetings

The EDGE scholarship is not limited to covering tuition and fees and can help cover most expenses related to attending UAF.



## The Geo Learning Community

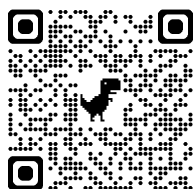
The Geo Learning Community (GeoLC) offers a variety of support strategies for undergraduate Geoscience Majors at UAF, focused on Enhancing Diversity in Geoscience Education, including:

- Weekly group meetings facilitated by the group mentor (UAF staff member)
- Weekly supplemental instruction for members in 100 and 200 level geoscience classes
- Connections to faculty and graduate students in the Geoscience Department, at the Geophysical Institute, and across campus
- Professional development and skill building opportunities
- Monthly social activities
- Weekend field trips each semester

The GeoLC is open to all undergraduate Geoscience majors, regardless of financial need. GeoLC members are eligible to apply for the EDGE scholarship.

**Want more information??**

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