# I-FOCUS-CSCS

## Overview

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It is funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF).

### The goals of I-FOCUS-CS program are:

- To increase the number of academically talented but low-income students
- To improve the retention and more importantly graduation rates
- To improve the success rate of academically talented but low-income students in proceeding to the technical workforce or pursuing advanced studies in CS
- To contribute to the implementation and sustainability

## Eligibility Requirements

- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Computer Science
- Classified as economically disadvantaged according to the Department of Education rules for need-based federal financial aid

## Selection Process

Selection is based on the application materials which include GPA, SAT score, a career goals statement, and letters of recommendation from high school mathematics and science teachers.

We will also pay special attention to students with prior computer science related experience or evidence of early engagement in STEM; and students who exhibit exceptional drive and a desire to pursue graduate education in STEM fields;

We highly encourage students from diverse backgrounds underrepresented in Computer Sciences (e.g., Females, African Americans, Hispanics, Native American/Alaskan or persons with disabilities, first generation, Veterans) to apply.

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