



The University of Rochester is one of America's leading private research universities. It consistently ranks among the top in federally financed science, engineering, medical, and other research. Along with this rigor, Rochester operates on a personal scale, creating exceptional opportunities for undergraduate research, close work with faculty, and interdisciplinary study. The unique Rochester Curriculum invites students to study what they love with focus and flexibility. Through individual and collaborative efforts, our students and faculty improve themselves, each other, and our shared learning environment in the process.

The Office of Minority Student Affairs (OMSA) is the academic home of the Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP) Scholars, Early Connection Opportunity (ECO) Scholars, and historically underrepresented minority students (Black/African American, Hispanic/LatinX, Native American, and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander).

OMSA is the overarching department that connects our students to various resources, on and off campus. We provide our students with the social capital needed to ensure academic, professional, and personal success.

Program

The Higher Education Opportunity Program is specifically designed to serve students of diverse racial, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds. The program is especially attractive for those students who, because of their economic and educational backgrounds, may not have considered attending the University. Jointly sponsored by the University of Rochester and the New York State Education Department since its inception in 1969, the HEOP office provides eligible students with a strong support network that includes academic advising, personal counseling, and substantial financial assistance.

Application Process

To apply, each applicant must

- Submit a University of Rochester application for admission via one of the following: Common Application, College Greenlight Scholars Application, Coalition Application, or the Universal College Application.

COMPLETE AND SUBMIT BY FEBRUARY 15 all four necessary financial aid applications: (1) CSS Profile Application, (2) Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), (3) New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) tkan10-ute

Financial Aid

HEOP offers a generous financial aid package through a combination of scholarships, federal and state grants, low-interest student loans, and federal work-study. Tuition, room and board, books and supplies, and basic living expenses are all taken into consideration when determining the financial aid package.

For more information on the University of Rochester's financial aid programs, please call (585) 275-3226 or (800) 881-8234.

Services

The following services are provided at no cost to HEOP students