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Jarvis Awarded a \$1.9 Million National Science Foundation Grant

Jarvis Christian College has received a grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) in the total amount of \$1.9 million to fund scholarships for eligible students majoring in Science and Mathematics. Funds will also be used to enable undergraduate research. The SMaRT (**S**cience, **M**athematics **and** **R**esearch **T**raining) Program will provide scholarship funds for a limited number of qualified students majoring in biology, chemistry, and/or mathematics at Jarvis during their junior and senior years of undergraduate study (total of four semesters).

In addition to completing all requirements for their undergraduate degrees, students receiving SMaRT Program scholarships will participate in a structured undergraduate research program and teaching experience. Each student receiving scholarship support from the grant will be required to serve, with faculty supervision, as an undergraduate laboratory assistant in a minimum of two first-year laboratory periods in their discipline. The student will be responsible for all laboratory preparations and for conducting the laboratory.

The SMaRT program will be administered under the direction of Dr. Oswell Person, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Dr. James Goodwin, Acting Division Chair for Arts and Sciences. In speaking about the program, Dr. Goodwin stated that "This program will significantly increase the number of minority students majoring in the STEM disciplines (science, technology, engineering, and math). Ultimately, our goal is to work with the NSF to increase the number of students going on to graduate school as well as those who seek to gain fulltime employment in these particular areas. Additionally, this grant will provide curriculum improvements and classroom upgrades for Jarvis."

Funds will be distributed incrementally over a five-year period ending in 2012.

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