University of Pittsburgh

TRIO
STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

TRIO Student Support Services (SSS)

About TRIO Student Support Services

TRIO SSS is a nationally recognized experience designed specifically for first-generation, income-eligible, and/or students with disabilities enrolled at the University of Pittsburgh. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education, SSS has been at the University of Pittsburgh since 1972. SSS is a program for all **eligible** undergraduate students **in any school or major**. Students who may qualify for SSS are either first-generation (defined as parents or guardians have not graduated from a four-year institution), meet the economic guidelines set by the federal government, or are registered with the University's Disability Resources and Services office. The program is funded to serve a minimum of 250 scholars per year. Those interested should apply as early as possible to secure a place in SSS.



Personalized Advising Meetings

All SSS scholars are assigned a **professional academic advisor** in SSS who collaborates with them throughout their time at the University in addition to their major advisor. SSS works closely with other University offices to provide referrals to a wide range of campus resources, including the Career Center, Office of Undergraduate Research, and Study Abroad/Global Experiences.



Cultural and Social Events

SSS coordinates **FREE** visits to Pittsburgh's greatest attractions, including live theater, museums, and hands-on activities, such as a visit to the Pittsburgh Glass Center. In addition, SSS offers **FREE** social events such as game and movie nights that provide students with an opportunity to relax with other SSS Scholars, Peer Mentors, and staff, while connecting with the University and surrounding community.



Workshops, Seminars, & Fairs

SSS offers **academic workshops and professional development** on topics such as internships, time management, finals preparation, career planning, graduate/professional school application process, networking, monetary management, and coping with stress.



The RS seminar courses: ARTSC 0111, 0112, 0113

SSS Right Start to College (RS) courses (1 credit per course) build a strong community of friendships while providing a vast array of tools to SSS students through interactive experiences. Topics include productivity, resume/cover letter writing, interviewing, networking, and exploring campus resources.

Student Leadership Opportunities

SSS Peer Mentors serve an instrumental leadership role in SSS, assisting peers in adjusting socially and academically to the University. Peer Mentors share their experiences in areas ranging from study tips, how to network with professors, getting involved on campus and even the best places to eat.

The SSS Ambassadors are SSS upper-level students who are committed to building community among students from similar majors and sharing major/career-specific resources.

SSS Scholar-Tutors are available exclusively to SSS students and provide not only content area assistance but general advice about how to attain the greatest success possible in individual classes.



Contact TRIO SSS

For more information, contact **Student Support Services** at **(412) 624-6588 or sss@as.pitt.edu.**