## **UNITED HEALTH FOUNDATION**

## United Health Foundation and Harris-Stowe State University: Supporting Students in Life Sciences

For over 160 years, Harris-Stowe State University (HSSU) has served the historically underrepresented. As a Historically Black College and University, HSSU is committed to providing a high-quality higher education experience that is both affordable and accessible to the diverse populations within and beyond the metropolitan St. Louis region.

In 2021, the United Health Foundation, the philanthropic arm of UnitedHealth Group, and Harris-Stowe State University announced a three-year, \$2 million grant partnership to grow the pipeline of STEM students interested in health care careers. Through the grant, HSSU is providing introductory summer boot camp programs, scholarships, professional development support and independent research opportunities for high school and undergraduate students.



171

students supported to date

\$600K+

awarded in scholarships to students pursuing biology and other life sciences 98

**students** have attended summer boot camps programs to date

\*as of 6/1/25

## WHY THIS WORK IS CRITICAL?



In just a few weeks, I dove into the world of bioinformatics, merging biology, computer science, and data analysis. From genomics to machine learning, this program equipped me with vital skills and knowledge."

**Scholar at Harris-Stowe State University** 

