

# Where to Reach Us

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# About Us

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The LINK Program was established in 1988 to fulfill the corporate demand for minority students to participate in co-ops, internships, and gain permanent employment. LINK promotes student retention, academic and career success, and graduation of students of color at Cleveland State University (CSU). This goal is accomplished by providing comprehensive support to minority students in a number of areas including: transition to college life, personal and professional development, career preparation, internships, individual mentors, and assistance from a LINK Program Coordinator.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE LINK SCHOLARS PROGRAM, PLEASE VISIT:

<https://www.csuohio.edu/engagement/link-program>



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# LINK Program

## What We Do



The LINK Program creates a diverse talent pipeline that is designed to positively impact the economic development of the Northeast Ohio region. The professional mentoring component is significant in facilitating

the student's learning experience in his or her career field. It also increases the Scholar's corporate awareness and career development skills that promote success in today's competitive job market. LINK Scholars are exceptionally prepared both academically and professionally.

## Why Us?



### Academic Excellence

The LINK Program has an overall graduation rate of 66%, much higher than the University average.



### Balanced Class Size

The LINK Scholars Program can serve up to 30 full-time undergraduate students each year. Students are eligible to apply for LINK during Spring semester of their first year at CSU and transfer students can also apply.



### Tuition Assistance

Students receive up to \$2,000 in scholarships upon acceptance into the program. The scholarship is renewable for each subsequent year that the student is enrolled at CSU and meets program requirements for a total of three years. Note: \$2000 may not be guaranteed and is contingent upon funding at time of acceptance.

## Get Involved!



### EMPLOYERS CAN PARTICIPATE BY:

- Providing co-op/internship placements and full-time job placements upon graduation
- Become a LINK Mentor and/or speaker at our resume writing, interviewing techniques, financial literacy, or career exploration workshops
- Become a Guest speaker at our LINK Luncheon
- Make a donation to the LINK Scholarship Fund

## Requirements

- 01. Complete**  
Application, essay, and interview
- 02. Maintain**  
2.5 GPA or higher
- 03. Demonstrate**  
Self-discipline, critical thinking, and determination needed to successfully graduate CSU
- 04. Display**  
Continuous progress along the Career Success Pathway to graduation
- 05. Serve**  
Must complete a co-op or internship before graduation, and participate in a variety of LINK activities.

## Why Join?

- Improve academic and career success
- Receive a professional mentor
- Gain leadership and professional skills
- Career preparation and assistance with co-ops, internships, and permanent employment