HEAT Application Process Overview

Hostos Community College
The City University of New York (CUNY)
HEAT Scholarship Program Overview

**Goal** To support the retention and graduation of high-achieving, low-income students pursuing a degree in engineering in partnership between Hostos Community College and The Grove School of Engineering (GSoE).

**HEAT Scholars** will receive financial support for up to four years (up to two years at Hostos, $2,000 per semester; and up to two years at GSoE, $3,500 per semester). Support is based on scholars’ unmet financial need.

**Benefits**

- Mentoring by peers and dedicated STEM faculty;
- Immersive undergraduate research experiences;
- Guidance and support for transfer to a four-year institution;
- Participation at professional STEM conferences;
- Career development and workshops.
HEAT Program Expectations

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• Maintain full-time status
• Maintain an overall GPA and Math and Science GPA above 3.0
• Serve as peer mentors as they advance in their academic journey
• Participate in variety of activities outside of their coursework and mentoring designed to improve their likelihood of success while at school and beyond
• Uphold integrity and honesty above all else
HEAT Program Qualifications

Students must

• be U.S. Citizens, Permanent Residents, Nationals, or Refugees;

• be enrolled in one of the Joint Dual (JD) Degree Engineering majors or if a coming directly from high school must demonstrate good academic standing by GPA, grades in science and math courses, and completion of high school or high school equivalency;

• be full time student;

• have an overall GPA of 3.0 and a minimum College Math and Science GPA of 3.0 with no STEM grades below “B-” at time of application;

• have a recommendation letter showing candidate’s qualities such as academic performance, commitment, and STEM career motivation; and

• be a low-income student with demonstrated financial need as per the Financial Aid Office.
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Apply for HEAT Scholarship Program Now!

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HEAT Program Application Process | Transcript

What is a transcript?
A detailed record of your marks or grades that has been generated by your school/university

Where can you find your transcript?

- **High School Applicants** should request their transcript from their schools
- **CUNY College Applicants** can retrieve their transcript from CUNYfirst
- **Outside CUNY Applicants** should request their transcript from their home institution **Office of the Registrar**

Transcript – Upload file as “2020HEAT_YourFirstName.YourLastName_T.pdf”
What is a recommendation letter?

Document in which the writer expresses the characteristics, qualities, and capabilities of the person being recommended for the requested purpose.

Who should you request to be a recommender?

A faculty member, advisor or mentor who can assess your abilities, qualities and characteristics.

Topics that should be addressed in the recommendation letter

- Describe your relationship to the applicant. How long have you known the applicant and the extent of your interactions?
- Comment on the applicant's academic and scientific merit including his/her aptitude for pursuing an advanced degree in Engineering or STEM related field.
- Describe reasons why the applicant deserves a HEAT scholarship to pursue engineering / STEM major.

RECOMMENDER will receive an email with directions to submit the recommendation letter upon application submission.
What is a personal statement?

An essay you write that provides you with the opportunity to distinguish yourself from other applicants.

HEAT applicants should discuss how they

• are qualified;

• highly motivated;

• will benefit from the HEAT experience personally and professionally; and

• will bring a unique value and perspective to the HEAT Program.

Format Recommendation – Upload file as “2020HEAT_YourFirstName.YourLastName_PS.pdf”
Use Times New Roman, 12pt, single space.
How do you write an effective HEAT personal statement?

Write a one-page essay (no more than 500 words) and be sure to include a discussion of the following:

• Your STEM interest and the importance of STEM to you,
• Your academic and career goal(s) and how the HEAT experience will help you achieve them,
• Your relevant STEM coursework,
• Your research experience (if any),
• How you will bring a unique value and perspective to the HEAT program, and
• How you would benefit from receiving HEAT scholarship and pursuing a STEM major.

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HEAT Program Team | Contact Information

**HEAT application** and all supporting documents must be received by the program’s point-of-contact email.

- Available to answer any questions or concerns throughout the application process.

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