

January 15, 2016

High School Counselor(s):

Greetings from the University of Central Missouri!

The Computer Information Systems program at UCM seeks your help in placing an exceptional opportunity before your college-bound students. We are seeking up to three (3) high school students for the **Steward Scholars Program**, which covers **full tuition and fees, housing, meals, assistance with a travel-abroad experience and other related expenses throughout the four-year course of studies**. The students will bear very minimal expense as they obtain an in-demand degree from a recognized academic program.

The application process is competitive. Priority will be given to applications received by **March 1, 2016**. Priority is also given to students from Clinton High School and/or students of diversity. Qualified applicants from other Missouri high schools and any background will be considered and are encouraged to apply.

A generous gift to the UCM Foundation by Dave and Thelma Steward established the Steward Scholars Program in the Harmon College of Business and Professional Studies (HCBPS) at UCM. David Steward, a UCM alumnus, is founder and chairman of the board of St. Louis-based World Wide Technology. WWT employs more than 2,000 people in 30 facilities throughout the world. Ebony magazine has recognized Mr. Steward as among "the 100 Most Influential Black Americans" and Mrs. Steward was named Variety Children's Charity 2012 Woman of the Year.

This extraordinary, signature scholarship program is for undergraduate students pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree in Computer Information Systems (CIS). The Harmon College is accredited by AACSB, International, the premier business school accreditation body. Also, the CIS program is accredited in information systems by the ABET Computing Accreditation Commission, one of only ten such dually-accredited programs in the United States. Housing several labs for software and web-development, network administration and user experience design, the CIS program maintains important industry associations, helping to place students in internships as part of their academic work. Graduates have an excellent placement rate and have established themselves as industry leaders in information technology.

The Steward Scholars Program is pivotal in building a community of scholars at UCM who are engaged in a valuable and intense learning environment with focus on leadership skills and service to others. This program will provide high-impact opportunities for students to interact with business leaders and key mentors, attend professional conferences and experience an international internship or study-abroad opportunity.

EARNED EXCELLENCE



Scholarship application information is available and an application may be initiated at

<http://cis.ucmo.edu/StewardScholar>

For information about applying for admission to UCM, see

<https://www.ucmo.edu/undergrad/>

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT CRITERIA

- Be an incoming, first-time, full-time freshman
- Have a minimum high school GPA of 3.00 (on a 4.00 scale)
- Have a declared major in Computer Information Systems
- Complete an application to the scholars program

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Complete an application to study at UCM
2. Complete a Steward Scholars Program application including:
 - a. Three references
 - b. Resume with work experience, extracurricular activities, community involvement, and honors/awards
 - c. Personal statement with career goals

Questions may be directed to **StewardScholar@ucmo.edu**.

Thank you for sharing information about the Steward Scholars Program and the approaching application deadline of **March 1, 2016**, with strong candidates in your district.

Sincerely,



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