

## Project SEED Financial Guidelines to Determine Stipend Eligibility.

For the 2012 Project SEED Summer Research program, 1<sup>st</sup> year or “SEED 1” students will become eligible to receive a stipend of \$2,500.00 IF their parent/s or guardian/s total household income does not exceed 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

The Indianapolis program is unique in that students NOT meeting these financial guidelines will be accepted upon the availability of mentors and offered a \$500.00 honorarium to offset transportation costs. In the summer 2011 program, 25 students received the full stipend and 20 students received the honorarium.

Because of the outstanding opportunity to undertake a research internship with other top students with nationally and internationally recognized investigators, and because of the potential for outstanding acceptances to Ivy League and elite universities, scholarships and other financial awards, all SEED students are enthusiastic about their internship opportunity, regardless of stipends.

### Understanding Financial Eligibility: Family Income Requirements

[This information comes from American Chemical Society – click here to read it yourself](#)

**You must be recognized as economically disadvantaged to be considered for Project SEED. Preference is given to students whose maximum family income does not exceed 200% of the [Federal Poverty Guidelines](#) (<http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty>) based on family size.**

Clicking the Federal Poverty Guidelines shows this income table. I have inserted a column at the right to show the 200% values which are the upper limits for household income. Notice that these numbers represent guidelines and not a hard requirement. Each year some students with family income outside these guidelines have been awarded stipends based on special circumstances. On the application part 4 there is a place for you to let us know if there are special circumstances you would like for us to consider in determining stipend eligibility.

*Please note that all students receiving the \$2500.00 stipend will need to submit the family’s 2011 tax return forms upon acceptance to the program and the numbers on the tax forms should reflect the numbers on the application form part 4.*

**2012 Poverty Guidelines for the  
48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia**

<b>Persons in family or household</b>	<b>Poverty Guideline</b>	<b>NOTICE HERE 200%</b>
1	\$11,170	\$22,340
2	\$15,130	\$30,260
3	\$19,090	\$38,180
4	\$23,050	\$46,100
5	\$27,010	\$54,020
6	\$30,970	\$61,940
7	\$34,930	\$69,860
8	\$38,890	\$77,780
for families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$3,960 for each additional person		add \$7,920