Privileges and Responsibilities of Participation in STAIRSTEP

Privileges

- Get paid a competitive stipend to perform research and participate in outreach functions for an average of ten hours per week.
- Work in teams under the direction of faculty member in your discipline who serve as mentors and role models
- Apply principles learned in class to your research
- Get peer support from your team members
- Receive counseling on job search, resume preparation and interviewing techniques from the LU Career Center
- Learn about graduate study in your discipline
- Participate in professional conferences, STAIRSTEP Research Seminars and Careers Forums
- Receive tutoring in your major and other courses
- Get experience in teamwork, leadership, writing papers and making professional presentations

Responsibilities

- Perform research duties in a professional and reliable manner
  - Be punctual
  - Keep established lab hours
  - Submit timely reports
- Participate in outreach functions: MathFest, SpringFest, Road Shows, Open House, New Student Orientation, etc.
- Mentor and help train less experienced students
- Be a good team member
- Complete surveys that will help assess the STAIRSTEP program – upon entry into the program, at the end of each semester, at graduation, 6 months after graduation, and as requested
- Notify your faculty mentor if you are considering changing your major or dropping out
- Participate in departmental and professional activities - ACM, LSRO
- Maintain a B average in your major courses
- Maintain at least a 2.5 average overall GPA