From its inception, the Math Alliance has worked to broaden participation in the mathematical sciences in the United States. Today, this work continues in the context of the <u>National Science</u> <u>Foundation's congressionally mandated focus</u> on <u>broadening participation in STEM</u>. As the NSF's concept of broadening participation has evolved through the years, so has our own. Our <u>current definition of Math Alliance Predoctoral Scholars</u> conforms with the vision articulated by the NSF:

*Math Alliance Predoctoral Scholars* are mathematical or statistical sciences students, either undergraduates or students enrolled in a terminal Masters or post-baccalaureate program, who have the ability and desire to earn a doctoral degree in a quantitative science and who come from communities or regions that are underrepresented in these fields.

Scholars are selected by our Math Alliance Mentors using the following criteria:

The student is a US citizen or permanent resident who has attended a US high school and who comes from an area or community that is <u>rural or remote</u> or a community that is underrepresented in the mathematical or statistical sciences and who would be unlikely to pursue graduate study in a mathematical or statistical science without benefiting from the Math Alliance.

We look forward to continuing our work with our partner institutions, member programs, graduate program groups, and the many dedicated volunteers whose hard work and financial support are necessary for the Math Alliance to continue its work.

Please contact us with comments or questions