

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES



The **Student Support Services (SSS)** program at Pace University is designed to empower eligible students to achieve academic excellence. SSS serves 160 students who are low-income, and/or first-generation (students whose parents or guardians do not possess a bachelor's degree or higher), and/or have a disability. SSS seeks to increase persistence and graduation rates for eligible students by providing participants with a broad array of services including academic, financial, career and personal support. The SSS program is based at Pace University's Dyson College Center for Undergraduate Research Experiences.

In order to participate, students must apply and be accepted into the SSS program. SSS is one of eight competitive federal TRIO grant programs that emerged from the Higher Education Act of 1965. This legislation was part of President Lyndon B. Johnson's domestic reform program known as the Great Society that was designed to eliminate poverty and racial inequality in the United States.

Eligibility

All Participants must:

- Be a citizen or national of the United States or meet the residency requirements for Federal student financial assistance
- Be currently enrolled at Pace University or accepted for enrollment in the next academic term
- Have a need for academic support, as determined by SSS staff, to successfully pursue a postsecondary educational program

Additionally, student participants must:

- Be first-generation college students whose parents are not college graduates and/or
- Be from low-income households and/or
- Have a documented disability eligibility

Benefits

Student Support Services is designed to enhance each participant's overall college experience by providing resources to help each student realize his or her full potential while at Pace University. Through programmatic activities and a robust support system, students within the SSS community are supported to achieve academic and professional success. Students admitted to SSS utilize the program's many services throughout their college career. The following are some of the services SSS provides to eligible participants.

Academic Services

- Academic advising
- Advanced registration
- Academic success workshops
- Tutoring

Enrichment and Resources

- Special topics workshops and panels
- Introduction to Undergraduate Research
- Computer resource station
- Access to peer mentors and graduate coaches

Career Development and Graduate School Preparation

- Career exploration and leadership workshops
- Resume/cover letter writing
- Graduate school information and prep

Financial Literacy

- Assistance with FAFSA
- Identification of outside sources of financial aid
- Budget/money management skills

Social and Cultural Events

- Cultural enrichment field trips to shows, museums and other New York City sites
- Weekly, monthly and annual SSS events