

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Baltimore City Community College
and
Morgan State University
ASCEND Program

This Memorandum of Understanding entered into this 1st day of September 2016, is to promote a mutually beneficial relationship between Baltimore City Community College (BCCC) and Morgan State University (MSU) to diversify the biomedical research workforce by increasing the number of undergraduates who pursue careers in biomedical research.

Purpose: “ A Student-Centered Entrepreneurial Development (ASCEND) Training Model to increase Diversity in the Biomedical Research Workforce” is one of ten programs funded by the National Institutes of Health’s Building Infrastructure Leading to Diversity (BUILD) initiative. BUILD awards are intended to support the design and implementation of innovative programs, strategies and approaches to transform undergraduate research training and mentorship, as well as institutional and faculty development to further strengthen undergraduate research training environments.

WHEREAS: Client to collaborate with BCCC campus to provide BCCC students with the opportunity to participate in ASCEND’s Student Research Center, Summer Research Institute, and ASCEND Scholars program, which provide students with resources and, for (Scholars, partial tuition, a monthly stipend, travel funds). Additionally MSU will strive to develop a pipeline of highly-qualified students to participate in the ASCEND program, and to support the efforts of BCCC to educate their students in areas that will prepare them to enter college and graduate school and become biomedical researchers. Please visit: [http://www.morgan.edu/research and economic development/ascend/about ascend.html](http://www.morgan.edu/research%20and%20economic%20development/ascend/about%20ascend.html) to learn more.

TERM: This Memorandum of Understanding commences on September 1, 2016 and is in effect until September 1, 2019 with an automatic renewal for 1 year. This MOU will be reviewed annually, and if amended, only in writing signed by both parties. It may be reviewed by both parties and may be terminated by either party upon sixty (60) days prior written notice.

BCCC Responsibilities:

- BCCC faculty will be invited to host ASCEND staff in their classrooms to inform BCCC students about ASCEND
- Allow ASCEND staff to set up recruitment booth on campus in collaboration with the Transfer Coordinator
- BCCC will disseminate information about ASCEND to students, faculty, and staff within the academic departments, classrooms, student life clubs, via BCCC's Articulation website and social media, and through collaborative postal mailings
- Invite BCCC Student Club/Organization/Committees to host ASCEND staff at their meetings and activities
- Display ASCEND posters in conspicuous locations

ASCEND Responsibilities:

- Provide health research-related workshops for students and faculty
- Provide mentoring workshops for students and faculty
- Invite BCCC students and faculty to attend mini-symposia and the annual research symposium at Morgan State University
- ASCEND Scholars (students) can give presentations to BCCC student or faculty audiences
- Invite BCCC students to attend events at the ASCEND Student Research Center
- Invite BCCC faculty to participate in the Morgan State Teaching Community of Practice
- Provide all materials for BCCC to distribute and/or mail regarding the program

Contact information for review/edits to this MOU

MSU:

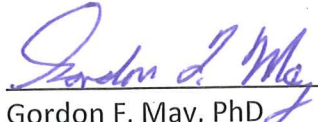
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, all parties have signed and sealed this MOU as of the day first written above.


Gordon F. May, PhD
President/CEO
Baltimore City Community College

9/8/16
Date


Dr. Farin Kamangar
Director, ASCEND Center for Biomedical Research
Morgan State University

9/27/16
Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
THIS 1st OF September 2016


Legal Counsel