For nearly 150 years, Wayne State University has been changing the world from the heart of Detroit. The research conducted here has an impact felt around the corner and across the globe, and we’re preparing our students to be at the forefront of advancing these lifesaving discoveries.

For more information, visit REBUILDetroit.org. Questions can also be directed to rebuild@wayne.edu.

“Diversity is fundamental to innovation. A variety of perspectives are critical to solve science’s most complex problems, and the REBUILD Detroit project will train a more inclusive group of researchers and scientific leaders.”

— Wayne State University President M. Roy Wilson
What are the benefits of being a BUILD Scholar?

- Part of a national, diverse community of research scholars
- Participate in cutting-edge research and field experiences with world-renowned faculty mentors
- Pre-college, summer, graduate school and career-preparedness institutes and credit-bearing courses
- Cross-institutional network of experts, faculty and scholars
- Learning communities and peer mentors
- Experience Detroit

What is REBUILD Detroit @ Wayne State University?

Innovation and academic excellence are key to training the next generation of doctors, researchers and scientists. That’s why Wayne State is proud to be a part of REBUILD Detroit, a partnership between four Detroit institutions supported by a grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) as part of its national BUILD (Building Infrastructure Leading to Diversity) program. This nationwide program is committed to ensuring that students from all backgrounds receive support during their educational experience and as they pursue biomedical careers.

REBUILD Detroit @ Wayne State University provides participating students, known as BUILD Scholars, with hands-on research training, guided career development, and access to a network of elite faculty mentors and renowned scientists. This unique program helps students develop and cultivate the skills needed to excel in college and beyond. REBUILD Detroit focuses on teaching, research and biomedical innovation that result in superior academic performance, higher graduation rates, decreased time to earn a degree and exciting career opportunities in cutting-edge, innovative biomedical research.

Who can become a BUILD Scholar?

Wayne State University and REBUILD Detroit recognize and champion the value of a diverse student population. The program is open to all students who meet the eligibility requirements below. Individuals from groups identified as underrepresented in the biomedical, clinical, behavioral and social sciences are always encouraged to apply for NIH-funded support.

Eligibility

- First-year student enrolled full time
- Pell grant eligible
- Undergraduate majors in biomedical, behavioral, clinical or social science
- U.S. citizen or Permanent Resident status
- Strong desire to pursue graduate-level studies — especially at the doctorate level — or in professional schools such as medicine, pharmacy or dentistry
- Strong desire to learn about conducting formal research and engaging in real-world research projects
- Participate in the 2015 Summer BUILD Scholars Program