

University of Houston CAMP Narrative

The University of Houston (UH) is a public, Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI), rated no. 8 nationally (*Best Colleges*, 2018) as best for serving Hispanic students with Hispanic students as the largest graduating minority, with extensive Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) and Computer Science (CS) programs, departments, colleges, and STEM/Computer Science job placement rates. Forty percent of the Texas population is Hispanic (U.S. Census, 2018). The UH record and available resources for serving first generation, Hispanics, low-income, and urban students provide a paved path for incorporation of College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) students at the end of federal funding. Ongoing programs like the UH the Cougar Promise, Challenger, UH Launch, Writing Center, Urban Experience, Mexican American Studies, Comadres, and other programs facilitate low-income and first generation students' successes at graduation from UH. Graduation from UH with STEM/Computer Science degrees provides Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker (MSFW) students with career opportunities in a city recognized as the most diverse science city in the U.S. (*Houston Business Journal*, 2016). Almost 50% of the jobs are computer-related, including computer information systems, management, programmers, software developers and other computer support specialists. The UH purposes to recruit and assist 20 migrant students in completing their first year of full-time college enrollment and to provide follow-up services to help them continue as full-time college students in postsecondary education. Twenty migrant students will be recruited and served in year 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, of which 86% will earn 24 credits with a minimum GPA and 86% will return a second year every year thereafter.