

# PERSIST Scholars Program

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The Promoting Excellence and Reinforcing Success in Student Transitions (PERSIST) Scholars program is a cohort program for African American male students. PERSIST scholars programming embraces a four-year path from transitioning to college, service-learning, leadership, to lifetime success after college. Participants learn to identify their skills, values, and experiences, and understand how their unique presence adds value to the MBU experience.

These new students will make a commitment to diversity programming by serving as student ambassadors for the Office of Inclusive Excellence. As a member of this community, students will also take a general education course taught by their advisor and engage in co-curricular programming focused on civic engagement, leadership development and African American culture. The PERSIST Scholars Program extended support system includes Ubuntu Student Mentors, Sista Friends alumni mentors, and Men with Visions, using a team approach to helping each young man become his best self.

- [REL 232](#) African American Religion
- [PHIL 140](#) Community and Service Learning
- [MBU 101](#)

**Note:** Additional application and interview are required.