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Dear Educator,

We are pleased to announce the **2010** competition for the **UNCF/Merck Science Initiative Research Scholarships and Fellowships**. Each scholarship/fellowship can be from **\$35,000** to **\$85,000**. This continues the 10-year initiative which began in 1996 in support of science education and is sponsored by the Merck Institute for Science Education and the Merck Research Laboratories and administered by UNCF. This commitment has been renewed for an additional five years.

The UNCF/Merck Science Initiative is dedicated to supporting the training of world-class African American biomedical scientists and to achieving the complementary goals of national economic competitiveness and social diversity. This initiative provides scholarships, internships and fellowships to at least 37 outstanding African American students per year—15 at the **undergraduate** level, 12 at the **graduate** level and 10 at the **postdoctoral** level. In addition, the UNCF/Merck Science Initiative may provide grants to the science departments of the fellowship recipients' home institution in most cases.

Applications should be submitted on-line at **www.uncf.org/merck**. Enclosed for distribution are posters and brochures which describe the programs for three categories of awards—**Undergraduate Science Research Scholarship, Graduate Science Research Fellowship, and Postdoctoral Science Research Fellowship**. Applications must be submitted on-line **no later than December 1, 2009**. We would greatly appreciate your assistance in distributing the enclosed to those whom you feel are eligible to apply.

If there are questions regarding the information enclosed, please do not hesitate to call me at (703) 205-3503.

Thank you.

Jerry L. Bryant, Ph.D.
Director, UNCF/Merck Science Initiative

Enclosures

UNCF/MERCK SCIENCE INITIATIVE Science Scholarships and Fellowships

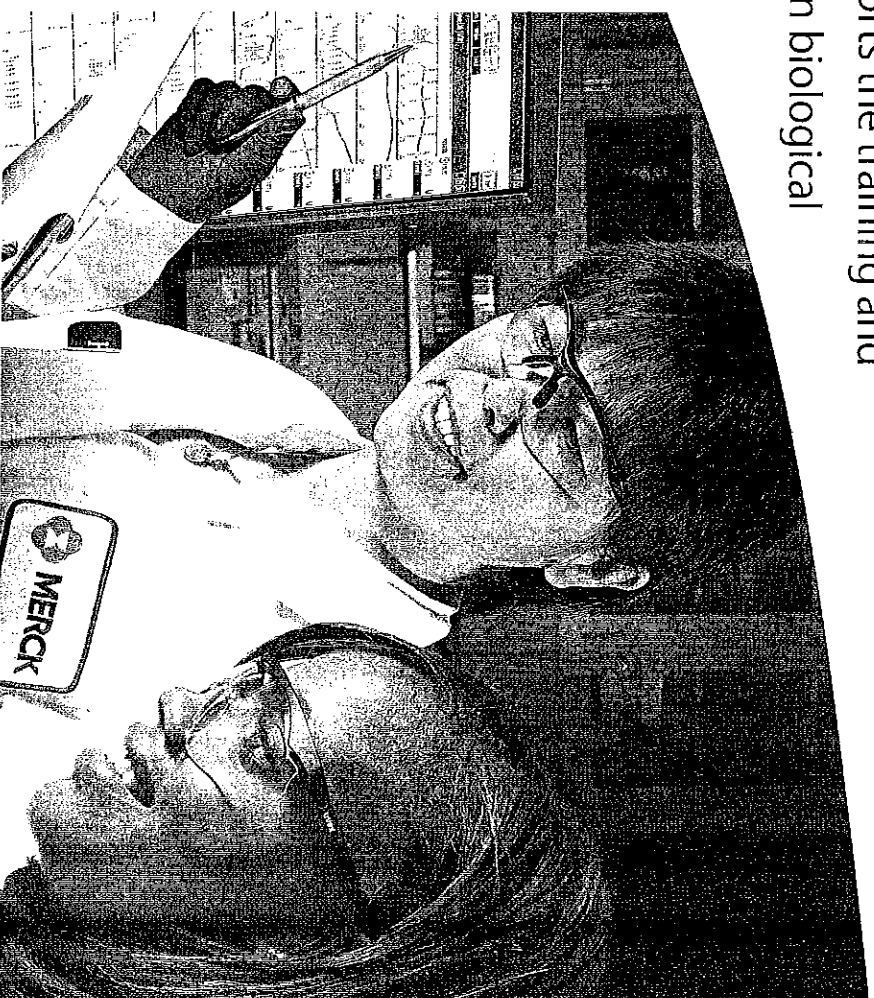
The UNCF/Merck Science Initiative is an innovative program that creates opportunities in the biological and chemical sciences for African American students throughout the country. This program supports the training and development of world-class African American biological and chemical research scientists.

UNDERGRADUATE

Science Research Scholarship Awards

- Scholarships up to \$25,000
- Two paid internships at Merck Research Laboratories with stipends totaling more than \$10,000
- Mentoring and networking opportunities
- Eligibility: College juniors, science majors, 3.3 GPA

GRADUATE



Science Research Dissertation Fellowships

- ▣ Fellowships up to \$52,000
- ▣ Mentoring and networking opportunities
- ▣ Eligibility: Ph.D. or equivalent degree candidates engaged in dissertation research in biological or chemical research fields

POSTDOCTORAL

Science Research Fellowships

- ▣ Fellowships up to \$85,000
- ▣ Mentoring and networking opportunities
- ▣ Eligibility: Ph.D. or equivalent degree recipients in biological or chemical research fields



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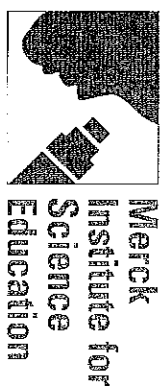
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GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Must be African American and a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident



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