The goal of empower students to exchange ideas and find their own research topic and develop it so that you can be creative and take ownership of your research. Students have the opportunity to engage in the following aspects of the program, increase diversity in the biomedical research workforce and must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7 (if below 2.7 students will need to go through and interview process).

**Summer Research Initiative (SRI)**
* 8-week program from mid-May through July
* A stipend, part of which covers housing
* Must have 2.8 cumulative GPA, at least 20 credits, a US citizen or permanent resident
* Must be interested in a career in health-related research
* If selected as an Ascend scholar must commit to 2 years of mentoring, career development and research training

**Student Research Center (SRC)**
* A research environment run by scholars where they can exchange research plans while surrounded by peers and near-peer mentors

**ASCEND Scholars**
* Students undertake curriculum designed to increase mathematical skills and develop critical thinking and communication skills.
* Students selected to participate in the ASCEND program will be drawn from those who completed in the SRI (see above) program.
* Students are required to have and maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
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Dr. Jackson is interested in working with students who are interested in learning educational research strategies. As a research assistant you will be working with Dr. Jackson on a qualitative research project that focuses on middle class blacks and their educational experiences in South Africa. You will learn how to conduct a literature review, how to read articles/books and highlight recurring themes, and transcribe tapes. This project is good for not only students who may be education majors but sociology majors as well. The time requirement and duration of your assistance is flexible.