The Initiative for Maximizing Student Development (IMSD) program will have a significant impact across the ASU campus with a goal to increase the number of underrepresented students—including ethnic minority, financially disadvantaged and disabled students—that earn a PhD and pursue research careers in biomedical/behavioral disciplines.

IMSD is comprised of a two-year undergraduate and a two-year graduate program providing a supportive environment and faculty that have been mentored on the challenges faced by underrepresented students. IMSD will also utilize peer mentoring and workshops/seminars for the students covering topics such as science writing, critical thinking, quantitative methods and responsible conduct of research.

Overall, our training program will contribute to the diversity of the next generation of scientists by supporting 5 graduate and 17 undergraduate students annually.

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