

# ASU MARC SCHOLAR

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I am from Brunswick, Georgia. I graduated from Glynn

Academy High School. While in high school my mom built the foundation for me that I would become a computer engineer. However, when I started attending Albany State University and started taking engineering classes, I then realized engineering was not what I wanted to do. I always knew that I wanted to do something with computers. I did not change my major completely from computers but from computer engineering to computer science. My original intention of coming to college was to gain my degree in computer science and get a great paying job and possibly go into the military. I never intended to go further in my education beyond the undergraduate or even seek an internship. However, things don't always go as planned. I was walking around campus and I saw a flyer about the Minority Access to Research Careers Scholarship. I took the initiative to apply for the MARC Program, because it concerned my major. I told myself if I was to be accepted into the MARC Program that I would take the initiative to further my education. I did not have the momentum to do it on my own. At this present time, I am a MARC Scholar. My plans have changed now that I am a MARC Scholar. I plan to further my education to gain my master's degree. I have also applied to various internships. The MARC Program has been helping me every step of the way. I am grateful to have the opportunity of becoming a MARC Scholar.

The technology industry is growing each and every day. With my passion for technology, I am open and anxious to learn more, to be all that I can be. The world needs more people that can keep up and perform the necessary tasks with technology. So I ask myself this question "why not me?" whereas before the MARC Program I didn't. With the help of MARC program, I have gained the confidence and feel that I will enter into a Ph.D. program, complete the Ph.D. degree and be successfully one day. The MARC Program has helped me in so many ways. Before this program, I never even considered even applying to grad school. However, the benefit of being a MARC Scholar is beyond just the norm. MARC is helping me and has helped me to take the necessary steps in order to be successful in grad school. This program offers tutorial sessions to help you to get ready for the GRE Test for grad school and to get into the best of the best extramural research internships. Financial support such as monthly stipend, half of tuition and expense for summer internships really opens the door for me to step outside of my circumference. While in the tutorial sessions, I have gained confidence to jump and touch the sky. Before MARC I did not realize how many opportunities were open for people like me to receive in this world. This program has encouraged me to not settle, especially with my education, but to pursue my dream of becoming a great Computer Scientist through research.

