

BENEFITS OF THE SEEDS SCHOLARS PROGRAM INCLUDE:

- **\$40,000 Fellowship to one SEEDS Scholar**
- **SEEDS Scholarship** upon completing the SEEDS Program
- **SEEDS National Conference Research & Travel Scholarships**
- **Structured Faculty Mentorship**
- **Ongoing Mesa Support System**, including Honors Peer Mentoring, Academic Skills Center support, and Academic Advising to ensure success
- **Summer Bridge Learning Community: NUTR 153 + PERG 120**
- **Summer Bridge Iron Chef, Meet and Greet** with their families, Project Directors, faculty advisors, and Mesa College administration.
- **Individualized partnerships with faculty at UCSD and SDSU during “SEEDS DAYS”** – develop meaningful interactions with university faculty who will speak with them about undergraduate research, sustainability-related majors, and STEM-career pathways.
- **Leadership skill development – Organize “STEM Summits”** at Mesa that feature “TED” talks by experts on issues related to food security, hunger, and agricultural sustainability.
- **Enhanced curricula in SEEDS courses** in Spanish, Anthropology, Nutrition, Personal Growth, Biology, and Geology have a content emphasis in food security and agricultural sustainability, and are UC/CSU transferable.
- **SEEDS Scholars Certificate of Competency & Completion** upon finishing all components of the two-year program leading to an AA Degree.
- **Community Service Experience through “Pay It Forward Days”** that tie in our SEEDS themes at local elementary, middle, or high schools.
- **Opportunities for Research Experience** by working with and visiting local business, industry and government partners.
- **Monthly Engagement with Industry Partners.**