



## WANT TO BE A FIRST GEN ROO SCHOLAR?

*Join our first-generation community of students, alumni, staff and faculty at UMKC!*

The First Gen Roo Scholars program is designed for incoming, full-time freshmen students who meet the definitions of a first-generation college student. With the program's Peer Mentors and First Gen Proud faculty and staff across campus, First Gen Roo Scholars will contribute to cultivating and celebrating UMKC's supportive, energetic and inclusive first-generation community while receiving direct and regular attention to their goals and needs.

### FIRST GEN ROO SCHOLAR BENEFITS

- An early introduction to campus, resources, community-building and academic experiences the week before fall classes begin
- A stipend for completing Welcome Week and fall programming
- Interactive programming such as self-care, navigating technology, college lingo and financial literacy designed by fellow first-generation students and UMKC resource officers
- A first-generation student as a peer mentor
- Assistance in forming personalized plans and goals for your first semester of college and beyond
- A contributing place in the First Gen Roo community at UMKC

### HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM FIRST GEN?

UMKC defines a first-generation college student as any student whose parents/guardians did not receive a bachelor's degree in the United States.

You may still consider yourself First Gen even if:

- a sibling, grandparent, aunt or uncle received a bachelor's degree in the United States
- a parent/guardian completed community college or a technical degree or took a few college classes
- a parent/guardian received a bachelor's degree at an international college or university



## OUR INITIATIVES TO SUPPORT FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS



### UMKC Recognized as First Scholars Institution

The University of Missouri-Kansas City is proud to be a campus that celebrates and supports first-generation college students. In 2023, the university was designated by the Center for First-Generation Student Success as a First Scholars Institution. Participation in the First Scholars phase signifies an increased commitment to actively creating organizational structures and scaling and implementing student-centered approaches designed to increase first-generation student success. Successful completion of requirements will result in an additional designation of institutional excellence related to supporting first-generation students.



### First Gen Proud

This campuswide initiative is designed to recognize and celebrate the supportive, energetic and inclusive first-generation community at UMKC. First-generation faculty and staff are invited to join the **FIRST GEN PROUD** directory, as are allies who were not first-generation themselves but want to support first-generation students. We also invite all students, faculty and staff to add **FIRST GEN PROUD** to their email signatures.

### READY TO BE THE FIRST?

To learn more about becoming  
a First Gen Roo, visit

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