

Leaders Emerging and Pursuing STEM (LEAPS) is an NSF S-STEM grant that will support three cohorts of ten high-achieving, low-income, STEM students for their time at Saint Peter's University. LEAPS consist of a suite of student support and engagement mechanisms designed to provide scholarships, improve student retention in the STEM majors, and increase successful STEM career or graduation school placement.

LEAPS scholars are part of an on-campus community and have the opportunity to build friendships with other LEAPS scholars. The workshops and monthly seminars prepare students for graduate school or a STEM profession. The annual scholarships help make college more affordable. The first cohort of ten LEAPS students have successfully completed their first year.

Students have engaged in career preparation and study-skills workshops, team-building activities, and mentoring. This summer, we will welcome our second cohort of ten more students into the LEAPS program, and will have a week-long summer program for all the LEAPS scholars. Rebecca Conley, Assistant Professor in the Mathematics and Statistics Department is the Director of the grant.