

UB to offer many engineering scholarships

The University of Bridgeport (UB) will begin offering 50 scholarships worth \$12,000 a year in the fall of 2008. The scholarships will go to students through the Connecticut Pre-Engineering Program (CPEP).

The nonprofit CPEP helps middle and high school minority students pursue careers in science, technology, engineering

and math.

Tarek Sobh, UB School of Engineering dean, said CPEP is one of Connecticut's largest and oldest engineering preparation programs for underserved students. "Many of the recipients will be first-generation college students, [so] the impact will be tremendous," he said.

Representatives of CPEP and UB plan to create a joint committee to initiate the application and evaluation process for the scholarships.

CPEP began in one school with 40 students in 1986 and has grown to include 11 public school districts, 40 schools and more than 1,000 students a year.