



SCI UBelong

Building Community From Day One at Pitt

Early opportunities when starting college can shape a student's experience for years to come. With dedicated, targeted programs, students can begin their Pitt journey with confidence and a sense of belonging.

Belonging Starts Before the First Class

SCI UBelong provides an empowering start to life at SCI. Students in the program move onto campus early, build friendships, explore Pittsburgh, and connect with SCI faculty and staff before Welcome Week begins. This launchpad for student success was developed through the SCI Learning Academy, a leadership opportunity for SCI faculty and staff that fosters leadership skills to make meaningful change at the school.

Confidence, Community, and a Head Start

SCI UBelong welcomes incoming first-year students, increases student retention, and builds a sense of belonging from day one. These students begin their college journey ready to engage, connect, and thrive in the SCI community.

Funding Needs

The inaugural 2024 cohort was quite a success: all participants were retained, and they average a 3.4 GPA!

To expand access and deepen our impact, SCI is seeking:

- **\$10,000** to support 15 students, scaling to \$30,000 a year over the next few years to support up to 45 students
- **\$100,000** as a gift to endow a portion of the program

Your investment helps students start strong and stay supported every step of the way at SCI.

Student Voices

"With the educational and general activities, you meet a lot of great people and are given a ton of opportunities to excel that help make your adjustment to college as smooth and as welcoming as possible. The staff at SCI truly care about your goals and passions and that they want to see you succeed, and I could not have appreciated the opportunity more."

Sophie Allen (SCI '29)



Let's Make This Possible.

With your support, SCI UBelong can continue to be the foundation for a more connected culture at SCI.

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