CUNY/CITY STEM TUITION WAIVER FAQS

1) What is the CUNY/CITY STEM TUITION WAIVER?
   a. To promote credit accumulation in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) courses, and to help STEM students accumulate a sufficient number of credits each year without jeopardizing their future Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) eligibility, the City of New York and CUNY have provided funding to offer tuition waivers for students matriculated in associate degree programs who enroll in identified STEM courses during intersession terms.

2) Who is eligible to receive a Tuition Waiver?
   a. Current CSI Undergraduate students meeting the following requirements are eligible for a STEM Tuition Waiver:
      i. A New York City resident at the time the waiver is applied;
      ii. A matriculated student in good academic standing (minimum 2.0 GPA) in any associate degree program at CSI. Students enrolled in their first term without an established CSI GPA may be eligible for the waiver;
      iii. Eligible to enroll, meeting all necessary prerequisites, in the identified STEM course offerings;

3) Do I need to pass the STEM course/s to receive a tuition waiver?
   a. No. However, students must complete their course/s with one of the following letter grades (A, B, C, D, F, W, including +/- grades) to receive a waiver. Unofficial Withdrawals (WU), administrative non-attendance grades, and partial-tuition charges from dropping a course prior to the official Withdrawal period do not qualify.

4) Are Tuition Waivers available for eligible students in all academic terms, including Fall & Spring?
   a. No. These tuition waivers are only available during the Summer and Winter Intersessions.

5) What Associate Degree programs are available at the College of Staten Island?
   a. CSI Offers three different types of associate degree programs: The Associate in Arts (AA), Associates in Science (AS), and Associates in Applied Science (AAS). CSI offers these degrees for the following programs:
      i. AAS in Business (Specializations in Accounting, Finance, Information Systems, International Business, Management, and Marketing);
      ii. AAS in Computer Technology*
      iii. AAS in Electrical Engineering Technology*
      iv. AS in Engineering Science*
      v. AA in Liberal Arts And Sciences
      vi. AS in Liberal Arts And Sciences*
      vii. AAS in Nursing

6) How can I determine if I am enrolled in one of these eligible associate degree programs?
   a. The simplest way is to review your status in your CUNYFirst Self-Service Center and clicking on the ACADEMICS tab. There you will see your PROGRAM, which must be UGRD (Undergraduate) and your PLAN, which must be one of the identified plans above. Here is an image of what this screen looks like and how to find the necessary information:

   b. Ask your advisor when you meet with them for advisement for the upcoming term.
      i. Most eligible CUNY/CITY STEM WAIVER students will be assigned to a professional advisor in CAAS-the Center for Advising & Academic Success, located in building 1A, room 101.
   c. Visit a staff member in Enrollment Services, 2A-106, or the Registrar Service Center, 2A-107, to review your status.
7) **If I received a Tuition Waiver for STEM courses in a prior Intersession, Summer or Winter, am I eligible to receive the waiver again?**
   a. Yes. All CSI students that meet the listed eligibility requirements will receive tuition waivers for all Winter & Summer intersession courses they enroll in for as long as they remain eligible. Please refer to FAQ # 2 for Eligibility Requirements.

8) **What courses are identified as STEM?**
   a. These are examples of STEM courses offered throughout the academic year, including Summer & Winter sessions. Not all courses are available for all sessions. This list is subject to change:
      i. BIO 150, BIO 160, BIO 170/171, BIO 180/181, CHM 110/111, CHM 141/121, CHM 142/127, CHM 250, CHM 256, CSC 126, CSC 347 (select programs), ELT 114, ELT 437 (select programs), ENS 221, ENS 441, GEO 100/101, GEO 102/103, MTH 113, MTH 123, MTH 130, MTH 231, MTH 232, MTH 233, PHY 114, PHY 116, PHY 156, PHY 309.
      
      *MTH 30: only *STEM majors taking MTH 30 will qualify for the waiver (*Liberal Arts-AS, CSC-AS, ENS-AS, and ELT-AAS)

9) **How can I identify STEM courses in the Undergraduate College Catalog and CUNYFirst/Schedule of Classes?**
   a. All courses include information regarding the requirements they satisfy as part of their course description, which includes the STEM designation, as highlighted below:
      
      **BIO 170 General Biology I**
      
      3 hours; 3 credits
      
      Fundamental biological principles of cell metabolism, energy transformations, and plant and animal functions including support, digestion, respiration, circulation, excretion, and integration, and selected current topics. For science, Medical Technology, appropriate pre-professional majors, and other interested students in consultation with an advisor. (Science) (RLPR) [STEM]

10) **How will waivers be paid?**
    a. Waivers will be applied directly to a student’s CUNYfirst account on a weekly basis throughout the enrollment period and, if necessary, while classes are in session. Please allow at least 7-10 business days after enrolling in a qualifying course/s for your tuition waiver to be applied. Students are still responsible for any Fees related to their bill.

11) **I have questions regarding my eligibility and/or I have waited more than 10 business days and my tuition waiver has not yet been applied. Where can I go to speak to someone?**
    a. Staff members in CAAS-the Center for Advising & Academic Success, 1A-101, Enrollment Services, 2A-106, or the Registrar Service Center, 2A-107, are available to review your CUNYFirst account to determine eligibility and answer your questions.