

Vivien Thomas Scholars Initiative



Dr. Vivien T. Thomas, a world-renowned Black scientist, is best known for his work in developing a cardiac surgery technique to treat “blue baby syndrome” (a congenital heart defect) at The Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Distinct Perspectives, Aligned Purpose.

Your perspective matters—to our programs, our community, and our world. We believe that exchanging ideas with people from different backgrounds and disciplines makes everyone’s work more dynamic and impactful, at every level. At Johns Hopkins University, you’ll be empowered to share your unique experiences and grow in discovery on your path to becoming a leader in your field.

Shape our FUTURE.

Become a Vivien Thomas Scholar.

The Vivien Thomas Scholars Initiative (VTSI) is a \$150 million initiative, backed by Bloomberg Philanthropies, dedicated to nurturing, mentoring and connecting exceptional diverse talent at historically black colleges and universities and minority serving institutions to STEM graduate education and future leadership in STEM.

VTSI Provides:

— Research Training:

Join one of over 30 STEM PhD programs for your own graduate journey of discovery, working closely with the world’s leading scholars and scientists at the nation’s first research university.

— Advising and Mentorship:

Meet regularly with dedicated mentors for personal advising, mentorship and sponsorship, all directed towards ensuring that VTSI scholars fully thrive personally and professionally along their graduate journey and beyond.

— Professional and Career Development Activities:

The VTSI will provide and support professional, career and life design opportunities to provide a robust foundation for VTSI scholars to soar in their future STEM careers.

— Community:

Join an outstanding community of Hopkins students and scholars whose diverse histories and life journeys bring exceptional community and richness to the Hopkins space. Join fellow VTSI scholars for regular social and community activities across the entire course of your journey at Hopkins.

— Benefits:

Full tuition, stipend, health and other benefits.
Full waiver of PhD application fee.

