



### **Being a STRIDE Member**

From the time I was an undergraduate lab assistant, I knew that I wanted to work in research and development. However, after years of teaching and research in the academic sphere, I was unable to find work in industry. Outside of the limited number of tenure-track faculty positions, academic work is poorly paid and limited to contracts of a few months to a few years. I took an administrative position at a local community college for the job stability and potential upward mobility, but I found myself bored and unchallenged and looking for a way to return to scientific research. I had project ideas for government research grants, but no viable way to position myself to apply for these grants. Then I found STRIDE. STRIDE was able to help me put together a research team from their group of 93 experts, develop my project ideas into a full grant application, and navigate the accounting and formatting requirements for the application. As STRIDE was already registered to do business with the government, they were able to handle the grant submission process. We successfully submitted a multi-investigator grant application to the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). Without STRIDE, I would not have had the resources and support necessary to pursue scientific inquiry and entrepreneurship on my own.

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