Summer Research Program

UC San Francisco offers exciting summer research opportunities for undergraduate students in the health sciences. Applications for summer of 2018 are now closed. We will begin sending decisions to applicants on March 1.

Overview

Students selected for summer research at UC San Francisco spend up to ten weeks working with UCSF faculty members on research projects. Participants in the program take part in seminars, lectures, and social events, creating a cohesive and supportive community. At the end of the program, students give presentations of their research and get valuable feedback from students, postdocs, and faculty at UCSF.

In order to be eligible for the 2018 Summer Research Program at UCSF, you must:

- Be a currently-enrolled undergraduate student. (We cannot accept students who will have earned their bachelor's degree by the end of the spring 2018 quarter.)
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- Have a desire to pursue a PhD in one of the disciplines offered by the UCSF Graduate Division in life/health sciences listed below.
- Have completed at least four semesters or six quarters of undergraduate study prior to the beginning of the Summer Program.
- Be able to participate for the entirety of the program.
- Read more about what will make you a strong candidate.

Funding Sources

The Summer Research Training Program provides research opportunities in the biomedical and biological sciences. We thank the following funding sources for their generous support:

- Amgen Foundation
- Genentech Foundation
- National Science Foundation
- UC LEADS
- UCSF Graduate Division
- Biophysics Graduate Program
APPLICATION PROCESS

*Applications for the 2018 program are now closed. Come back in November 2018.*

A completed application must include:

- Application and personal statement
- Two letters of recommendation
- Copy of college transcript(s)

PROGRAM FEATURES AND BENEFITS

Program Features

In addition to daily research, students also participate in:

- Seminars on scientific and professional development
- Journal talks
- A GRE preparation course (optional)
- Small group meetings and activities
- Social and cultural events
- Oral and poster presentations

Participant Benefits

Students receive a total package worth over $8,000 including:

- $4,000 stipend
- $500 allowance for travel to and from San Francisco
- Housing in San Francisco (double-occupancy)
- Health insurance coverage
- Public transportation pass

GRADUATE PROGRAMS AND SUMMER RESEARCH AREAS

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Bioengineering
Biological and Biomedical Informatics
Biomedical Sciences
Biophysics
Cell Biology
Chemistry and Chemical Biology
Developmental and Stem Cell Biology