

2026 UCSB-CSU Summer Research Institute Application

A program within the UC Santa Barbara Graduate Division Academic Research Consortium (ARC)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 12:00 NOON, PACIFIC TIME, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Thank you for your interest in joining UC Santa Barbara's 2026 [Academic Research Consortium \(ARC\)](#), as a [UCSB-CSU Summer Research Institute Scholar](#) (UCSB-CSU SRI). Please make sure you have reviewed the UCSB-CSU SRI program's [website](#) prior to completing your application.

The goal of this program is to provide research experience and preparation for application, admissions, and graduate studies to students interested in pursuing doctoral degrees, particularly at a University of California campus. Currently enrolled undergraduate and master's degree students from our following partner campuses are welcome to apply: CSU Channel Islands, CSU Fullerton, CSU Northridge, and Long Beach State.

If you have any questions, please [email our UCSB ARC Team](#).

An ideal UCSB-CSU SRI Scholar candidate:

- Expresses a commitment to, and a strong potential for success in future pursuit of a Ph.D.
- Experienced educational barriers to their academic progress or expresses a commitment to addressing the barriers that prevent participation of students from underrepresented groups in graduate academic programs.
- Experienced situations or conditions that impacted their education advancement (e.g. the absence of a role model in your field of study, absence of a family member who received a four-year college degree or graduation from high school with poor financial or curricular support).
- Demonstrates leadership potential to address the issues of underrepresentation in postsecondary education.
- Possesses the potential to gain the personal and multicultural competency skills necessary to address the needs of a diverse state and global community through advanced education and research.

Awardee Eligibility:

This program is only open to U.S. citizens or permanent residents, or to students who hold AB540 or DACA status or believe they are eligible under this program. Student awardees must express a clear commitment to earning a doctoral degree. They must be full-time enrolled and have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA.

Awardees experience and commit to all components of a 7-week residential summer research program, which includes a slate of weekly workshops, upwards of 35 hours per week of research, and several social and networking events.

A completed application includes:

1. [This completed Google Form](#)

2. Statement of Interest (SOI):

Write a concise essay concerning your interest in the UCSB-CSU SRI program and graduate education in general. This essay should address (but is not limited to) the key components listed below. Please feel free to expand upon these components and share any additional information that you feel is relevant to your unique personal or educational history. Your statement should not exceed 1,000 words.

- Describe your research area of interest and, if applicable, prior and/or current research experience.
- Discuss why you are interested in participating in an undergraduate research program and what you feel you can gain from the experience.
- Discuss why you are interested in pursuing a doctoral degree and your future career objectives.
- Describe your educational background and achievements, providing information on barriers you may have personally faced and how you overcame them.

3. Resume/CV: Include a resume/CV with your application. Include any work or laboratory experience that you feel is relevant to your application.

4. Unofficial Transcripts: Include a copy of your unofficial transcripts with your application for your current undergraduate institution/university. If you are a master's degree student, submit your undergraduate transcripts and your current graduate degree transcripts.

5. One Letter of Recommendation: You will request a recommender complete this [UCSB-CSU SRI Recommender Form](#), in which they will also be able to submit a letter. Additional information and directions are provided below. You may have more than one recommender but MUST have at least one.

Directions for submitting your documents:

You will submit your documents in Section 10 of this application. *As documents are required, you will need to have them available to upload in order to complete and submit this application.* The filenames must include your first and last names and clearly identify each document (examples: karen_vangool-SOI.pdf; karen_vangool-Resume.pdf; karen_vangool-Transcript.pdf).

Please direct any questions you may have to our ARC Team via email at summerprogram@graddiv.ucsb.edu.

* Indicates required question

1. Email *

PERSONAL INFORMATION

2. Last Name: *

3. First Name: *

4. Mobile Phone Number: *

5. Date of Birth: *

Example: January 7, 2019

6. Are you a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident, including AB540 or DACA status? *

U.S. citizens, U.S. Permanent Residents, and AB540/DACA status students are eligible to apply. International students are not eligible to apply.

Please request a zoom meeting with Karen if you wish to discuss your program eligibility, by sending an email to: summerprogram@graddiv.ucsb.edu

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

7. Current School Email Address: *

8. Personal Email Address:

DEMOGRAPHIC DATA COLLECTION

9. Parent/Guardian 1's Highest Education Level *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Did not graduate high school
- ☐ High school graduate
- ☐ Some college, but no bachelor's degree
- ☐ Associate's degree graduate
- ☐ 4-year degree graduate
- ☐ Began, but did not complete, a Master's degree
- ☐ Master's degree
- ☐ Began, but did not complete, a Professional degree
- ☐ Professional degree
- ☐ Began, but did not complete, a Doctoral degree
- ☐ Doctoral degree
- ☐ Unknown
- ☐ Decline to state

10. Parent/Guardian 2's Highest Education Level *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Did not graduate high school
- ☐ High school graduate
- ☐ Some college, but no bachelor's degree
- ☐ Associate's degree graduate
- ☐ 4-year degree graduate
- ☐ Began, but did not complete, a Master's degree
- ☐ Master's degree
- ☐ Began, but did not complete, a Professional degree
- ☐ Professional degree
- ☐ Began, but did not complete, a Doctoral degree
- ☐ Doctoral degree
- ☐ Unknown
- ☐ Decline to state

11. Please select from the following options regarding your financial aid status:

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Current academic year recipient of/eligible for one or more of the following: Cal FRESH/SNAP, CalGrant, Pell Grant, California College Promise Grant (formerly known as a Board of Governors, or BOG, Fee Waiver), Medical/Medicaid, are residing in public housing, or identify as foster youth
- ☐ Not a current academic year recipient of/eligible for any of the above
- ☐ Decline to state
- ☐ Unknown

YOUR EDUCATION HISTORY

Please answer the following questions regarding your education history to date.

12. Name of Current Institution: *

13. Current Degree Objective: *

14. Current Degree Major/Field of Study: *

15. Current Cumulative GPA: *

16. Expected graduation date for current degree objective (mm/yyyy): *

17. If currently pursuing a master's degree, name of bachelor's degree-granting institution:

18. If currently pursuing a master's degree, name of bachelor's degree-granting major:

19. If currently pursuing a master's degree, bachelor's degree cumulative GPA:

20. Are you a community college transfer student? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

21. If yes, name of community college (name all if more than one):

22. If yes, date transferred (mm/yyyy):

23. Do you plan to apply to a graduate program? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Maybe

24. If yes, when do you anticipate applying (mm/yyyy)?

25. If yes, which graduate degree are you most interested in pursuing?

Mark only one oval.

☐ Master's

☐ PhD

☐ Professional Degree

☐ None

☐ Other:

26. If yes, what is your proposed field of graduate study?

27. If yes, please share your top 3 desired universities for graduate school:

28. Please check off any/all of the following programs in which you have participated: *

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID)
- ☐ California or Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (CAMP/LSAMP - now called CSU STEM Pathways Alliance)))
- ☐ Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)
- ☐ Mathematics, Engineering, and Science Achievement (MESA)
- ☐ None of the above
- ☐ Other: _____

29. How did you hear about UCSB-CSU Summer Research Institute? (please check all that apply) *

Check all that apply.

- ☐ UC Santa Barbara Website
- ☐ UCSB Email Communication
- ☐ UCSB Social Media (Instagram, TikTok, Facebook)
- ☐ Faculty Advisor/Mentor
- ☐ Academic Advisor
- ☐ Peer(s)
- ☐ Current Campus Website
- ☐ Current Campus Email Communication
- ☐ Current Campus Social Media (Instagram, TikTok, Facebook)
- ☐ Current Campus Program Director
- ☐ Other: _____

RESEARCH INFORMATION

Please answer the following questions regarding current or prior research experience. Please note that prior research experience is not required to be selected for this program.

30. Do you have any prior experience conducting research, as an undergraduate student, or if applicable, as a graduate student? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

31. If yes, please share your research area/field of study:

32. If yes, at which institution?

33. If yes, state the faculty member's name:

34. If yes, state the faculty member's department:

35. Do you have prior experience as a participant in a formal undergraduate research program? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

36. If yes, state program name:

37. If yes, state program dates of participation (mm/yyyy - mm/yyyy):

38. If yes, state program institution/company:

39. If yes, state program faculty/supervisor name:

PROSPECTIVE FACULTY MENTOR INFORMATION

Please list two UC Santa Barbara faculty members with whom you wish to conduct research during the 2026 UCSB-CSU Summer Research Institute. We have compiled a [list](#) of departments which have indicated they are interested in mentoring one or more UCSB-CSU SRI students this summer, which may be helpful in determining a higher likelihood of successfully finding a faculty mentor match. This is not a comprehensive list of all faculty or departments who may be available, therefore you may search beyond this list as well. Information about UC Santa Barbara faculty members can be found at their respective department websites (<http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/departments>).

40. Faculty Member 1 Last Name:

41. Faculty Member 1 First Name:

42. Faculty Member 2 Last Name:

43. Faculty Member 2 First Name: *

RECOMMENDER INFORMATION

Your application requires one letter of recommendation from a faculty member who knows you well enough to speak about your qualifications. Complete the following information and ask your recommender to complete this questionnaire (required): <https://forms.gle/1UwD5GNx4qTXZ4hj8> (send this link to your recommender) and to write a letter in support of your application. Your recommender may provide their letter via the form you will share with them or via email to Karen van Gool at summerprogram@graddiv.ucsb.edu.

44. Recommender's First and Last Names: *

45. Recommender's Email Address: *

46. Recommender's Title (e.g., Professor): *

47. Recommender's Campus/Company/Affiliation: *

DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS INFORMATION

As a visitor to UCSB, should you require an accommodations to fully participate in our summer research experience, please provide your campus's student disability accommodation paperwork by emailing it to Karen van Gool at summerprogram@graddiv.ucsb.edu. If there is a student disability advisor on your campus that we should work with in order to best support you, please provide their contact information below. In some instances we may discover that the only available accessible living accommodations have already been filled, so it's important we address any needs as soon as possible.

48. I require a student disability accommodation in order to fully participate in the UCSB Academic Research Consortium summer research experience. *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

49. I am comfortable disclosing my disability requirements and provide the following information:

50. I would like to you contact my campus student disability coordinator. Here is their contact information:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you for completing this application. Prior to submitting this form, please take note of the following information regarding summer arrangements with UCSB and then please acknowledge that you have read and understood this information.

- 1) UCSB will provide program participants with a stipend, in two payments, via check.
- 2) You will be in **shared** accommodations. You will be in a 3 bedroom, 2 bath apartment that houses up to 6 people. UCSB-CSU SRI Scholars will share a bedroom, 2 scholars per bedrooms.
- 3) UCSB will assist you with parking arrangements and information if you plan to bring a personal car.
- 4) UCSB program components (workshops and events plus upwards of 35 hours of research per week) require mandatory attendance, most of which are in person. We do not allow summer school during the duration of the summer program. Likewise, we expect students to schedule personal appointments or any travel outside of mandatory attendance requirements. We expect program scholars to be full, active participants during this 7-week commitment. Please contact us if you would like us to consider exceptional circumstances.

Contact: Karen van Gool, summerprogram@graddiv.ucsb.edu

51. By typing my name below, I acknowledge that I have read and understood these statements and that I agree to these requirements if I become a participating scholar of the UCSB-CSU SRI. *

APPLICATION DOCUMENT SUBMISSION

Please upload your required documents via this section.

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Include a copy of your unofficial transcripts for all post secondary institutions you have attended.

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