UC LEADS
UC Leadership through Advanced Degrees
THE MISSION
The University of California Leadership Excellence through Advanced Degrees (UC LEADS) program is designed to engage and educate California's future leaders by preparing promising students for advanced education in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). UC LEADS is designed to identify upper-division UCSB undergraduate students with the potential to succeed in these disciplines, but who have experienced situations or conditions that have adversely impacted their advancement in their field of study.
Once chosen as UC LEADS Scholars, the students embark upon a two-year program of scientific research and graduate school preparation guided by individual Faculty Mentors. Scholars are provided with an excellent opportunity to explore their discipline, experience a research environment, and improve their opportunities for future study in their chosen field. The Scholars gain valuable educational experience, the University develops a better prepared and more diverse graduate applicant pool, and ultimately, the state gets well-educated future leaders. One of the hallmarks of the UC LEADS program is that scholars spend their second summer as a summer program scholar at another UC Campus.
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Program Offerings

- 8 Week Summer Program (June to August)
- $4500 Summer Program Stipend (1st year)
- $5000 Summer Program Stipend (2nd year) to do Research at Another UC Campus
- Housing Accommodations for 2nd Summer
- Summer weekly Academic Enrichment and Professional Development Workshops
- Preparation for the GRE
- 7th week Summer Symposium
- 8th week Summer Poster Presentation
- Spring UC LEADS System-Wide Symposium + Conference Attendance Opportunities
- Additional Academic Year Programming/Activities

2 years Research & Professional Development
Who is eligible for UC LEADS?

- US Citizens and Permanent Residents
- Students with AB540 Designation are eligible to apply
- Mathematics, STEM, or Engineering major
- Priority Consideration
  - Groups underrepresented in higher education
  - Students from economically/educationally and disadvantaged backgrounds
  - First generation to attend college
  - Non-traditional students
  - INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE FACED LIFE CHALLENGES

Students should apply prior to their junior year and/or be on track to receive baccalaureate degree by end of 2nd year of UC LEADS program

Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
Applications are now OPEN.
Deadline is March 17, 2023.

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Why join UC LEADS?

**Mentorship**
Scholars are matched individually with UCSB faculty and graduate student mentors who provide training and support fitted to the individual interests and academic goals of the scholar.

**Professional and Academic Development**
Scholars broaden their professional and academic experiences through workshops, Graduate Record Examination (GRE) training, and presentations to peers, staff, and academics.

**Financial Support**
Scholars are funded as part of their summer research experiences via summer stipend, housing accommodations, and roundtrip transportation accommodations.

**Research Experience**
Scholars have an opportunity to engage in summer research experience as a fully funded scholar. Scholars are provided with an excellent opportunity to explore their discipline, experience research, and improve their opportunities for future study in their chosen field.
UC LEADS Workshops

- Program Orientation
- The Graduate School Application
- Writing Workshop: Perfecting the Personal Statement
- GRE Workshop
- Building Relationships with Faculty Mentors
- Effective Presentation Skills and How to Conference

+ Special Topics and Outings
SUMMER HOUSING

housing.ucsb.edu
SAN JOAQUIN VILLAGES APARTMENTS

3 bedroom
2 bathrooms

23 minute walk to UCSB Campus

Kitchen and Living Room
Meet the Team

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