CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
FULLERTON

URE19 Program Description

Project RAISE Undergraduate Research Experience Application

Before you get started, please know that this application should be submitted in one sitting. Note: the application may not be compatible with mobile devices.

We recommend you prepare the following materials prior to starting your application:

1. Review the application PDF to ensure you have collected all application materials [here](#).
2. Prepare your responses to the three short answer questions (questions provided below)
3. Prepare a personal statement (prompt provided below)
4. Update your resume
5. Prepare PDF files of your unofficial transcripts from all the colleges/universities that you have attended
6. Merge your resume and transcripts into one PDF file saved as follows: CommunityCollegeName_LastName_FirstName

Short Answer Questions

Prepare short answer responses (no longer than 150 words or 1,000 characters each) for the following prompts:

1. Please discuss any volunteer activities, class projects, or other research experiences that have prepared you for the Undergraduate Research Experience. Feel free to list any honors, awards, prizes, or recognition that you have received from your college.
2. Briefly, discuss how you have spent time outside of classes and completing homework during the past two years. Describe your involvement in extracurricular activities, family responsibilities, work, and/or community service.
3. What are your expectations for the Undergraduate Research Experience? What do you expect from your mentor, your lab mates, and the larger research community? How do you expect to contribute?

Personal Statement Prompt

Prepare a personal statement no longer than 500 words or 3,000 characters.

Describe why you want to participate in the Undergraduate Research Experience. Please

make sure to address the following points:

1. Your short-term and long-term goals.
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3. How has your background led you to pursue these goals?
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First Name

Preferred First Name, if different than above

Last Name

Preferred Email Address

School ID Number (from your community college)

URE Program Description

The Undergraduate Research Experience (URE) provides students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) from Citrus College, Cypress College, Fullerton College, Golden West College, Mt. San Antonio College, Orange Coast College, Santa Ana College, and Santiago Canyon College an opportunity to conduct research at California State University, Fullerton (CSUF) in an 8-week summer program. Hispanic/Latinx students are strongly encouraged to apply!

Selected students will gain first-hand experience in scientific investigation in a dynamic, collaborative research environment. Students will be matched with CSUF faculty who will provide training and support. In addition to research, participants will write a final report and present their findings. Participants will receive a $5,000 stipend for their research and work throughout the summer.

The program will run from June 17 to August 9, 2019.

- Students commit to 40+ hours/week for 8-weeks (no partial or segmented participation)
- Students will produce a poster based on their research
- Students must present their poster at the College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics' Summer Research Symposium, as well as within their community college
- Students must complete the program, produce a poster, and present their work in order to receive their $5,000 stipend

This opportunity requires a full-time commitment, which may require work on the weekends. Do not apply if you are planning to work, take summer classes, travel, or be out of town during the duration of the program.

Project RAISE will have URE opportunities in the summer through 2021. Students not successful in 2019 are highly encouraged to try again next summer and continue engaging in Project RAISE presentations/seminars on campus.

URE Eligibility

- You are actively enrolled at a Project RAISE member college: Citrus College, Cypress College, Fullerton College, Golden West College, Mt. San Antonio College, Orange Coast College, Santa Ana College, or Santiago Canyon College, as your primary college, with continued enrollment through spring 2019.
- By June 17, 2019, you will have successfully completed two science/technology/engineering courses
- By June 17, 2019, you will have successfully completed Pre-Calculus or Calculus 1
- You are a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- You are willing to make a full-time commitment to the 8-week program from June 17 to August 9, 2019.
- You plan to transfer to a bachelor's degree-granting institution for the first time.
- Available and committed to sharing your research poster at your community college in the 2019-20 academic year.

URE Application Components

Only complete applications will be reviewed. No paper applications will be accepted.

Complete applications include:

- Completed online application
- One page resume
- Unofficial transcripts from ALL colleges and universities you've attended
- Three short answer responses
- One personal statement
- One online recommendation

URE Application Timeline

- Thursday, February 28, 2019 - URE19 Application closes for students attending Cypress, Fullerton, Golden West, and Orange Coast College
- Thursday, March 7, 2019 - URE19 application closes for students attending Mt. San Antonio College, Santa Ana College, and Santiago Canyon College
- Sunday, March 10, 2019 - Recommendation deadline
- Completed applications are reviewed by community college faculty and staff
- Community college faculty and staff will provide the names of 8 students to CSUF Project RAISE for URE interviews
- CSUF Project RAISE will select up to 6 students from each community college for interviews at CSUF
- CSUF Project RAISE will select 4 students from each of the 8 community colleges to participate in URE (32 URE students total)
- CSUF Project RAISE will place URE students into labs with CSUF faculty and staff
- Friday, April 26, 2019 - Selected students will be notified of their lab placements

Eligibility

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The following questions will determine your eligibility for URE19. If you are found not eligible, you will receive a message with contact information, then taken to the end of the survey. We encourage you to contact us with questions regarding your eligibility.

Citizenship Status

The Undergraduate Research Experience is funded through the U.S. Department of Education and open to U.S. citizens, nationals, or permanent residents.

- O U.S. Citizen
- O U.S. National
- O U.S. Permanent Resident
- O International Student (J1/F1)
- O Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
- O AB 540
- O Other

I am a student at (if attending multiple institutions, please identify your primary school):

- O Citrus College
- O Cypress College
- O Fullerton College
- O Golden West College
- O Mt. San Antonio College
- O Orange Coast College
- O Santa Ana College
- O Santiago Canyon College
- O Other:

Citrus College students interested in summer research experiences should contact Dr. Marianne Smith at marsmith@citruscollege.edu to learn more about the Citrus application process.

Are you planning to transfer to a four-year university in order to pursue your first bachelor's degree?

- O Yes
- O No

Will you have met, or exceed, the math requirement of completing Pre-Calculus, its equivalency, or Calculus 1 with a passing grade of C or better by the end of the spring 2019 semester?

- O Yes - I have already met or exceeded this requirement

○ Yes - I am taking a class that fulfills this requirement in the fall 2018 term

○ Yes - I am/plan on taking a class that fulfills this requirement in the spring 2019 term

○ No - I will not be able to meet this requirement before the start of URE19

Will you have met, or exceed, the requirement of completing 2 science/technology/engineering courses with a passing grade of C or better by the end of the spring 2019 semester?

○ Yes - I have already met or exceeded this requirement

○ Yes - I am fulfilling this requirement in the fall 2018 semester

○ Yes - I plan to fulfill this requirement in the spring 2019 semester

○ No - I will not be able to meet this requirement before the start of URE19

Demographic Information

Permanent Home Address

Street Address

Apartment

City

State

Zip Code

Current Home Address (if different than above)

Street Address

Apartment

City

State

Zip Code

Preferred Phone Number (Do not include dashes)

Preferred Phone Number provided is:

○ Personal cell

○ Shared cell

○ Shared home

Gender

○ Male

○ Female

○ Nonbinary

○ Other

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Pronouns

○ He/Him/His

○ She/Her/Hers

○ They/Them/Their

○ Ze/Hir/Hir

○ Other

[   ]

Date of Birth

MM/DD/YYYY   [   ]

Ethnicity

○ Hispanic or Latino

○ Not Hispanic or Latino

Race(s) (please select all that apply)

- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- ☐ White

School Email Address

[   ]

Are you in the first generation of your family to go to college?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Are you currently working?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Where do you work?

[   ]

How many hours per week do you work?

[   ]

Are you willing and able to leave your job for the duration of the Undergraduate Research Experience?

○ Yes

○ No

Do you qualify for financial aid? (Check all that apply)

☐ I am receiving the Board of Governors (BOG) Fee Waiver

☐ I am receiving Cal Grants

☐ I am receiving the Federal Pell Grant

☐ I do not know if I qualify for financial aid

☐ I did not apply for financial aid

☐ I do not qualify for need-based financial aid

Do you require any reasonable accommodations to successfully complete the Undergraduate Research Experience?

○ Yes

○ No

If yes, please list the reasonable accommodations you require:

Have you ever been convicted of a crime, other than a minor traffic violation, including Nolo Contendere Plea (a plea of no contest)? This does not automatically disqualify you from participating in URE.

○ Yes

○ No

If yes, please explain.

Academic Profile

How many college units will you have completed as of December 31, 2018?

[   ]

How many college units do you plan to complete in the spring 2019 semester?

[   ]

Overall GPA

[   ]

STEM GPA

[   ]

When do you plan to transfer to a four-year university?

○ Fall 2019

○ Spring 2020

○ Fall 2020

○ Other (include term and year):

List your top colleges and universities you are considering for transfer. Please limit your list to 10 institutions.

What is your intended major? Note: the Undergraduate Research Experience is only available for STEM majors.

Post-Graduation Plans

○ Pursue Master's degree in STEM

○ Pursue PhD in STEM

○ Pursue MD degree

○ Pursue MD/PhD

○ Professional school (dental, engineering, technical career, etc.)

○ Pursue an advanced degree outside of STEM

○ Seek employment

○ Undecided

Research Interests

Prior research experience is not required.

Please share your interest in conducting research within the following fields of study over the summer. Please note that every field should be marked with a response.

	Extremely interested	Somewhat interested	Not at all interested
Biochemistry	○	○	○
Biological Science	○	○	○
Chemistry	○	○	○
Civil Engineering	○	○	○
Computer Engineering	○	○	○
Computer Science	○	○	○
Earth Science	○	○	○
Electrical Engineering	○	○	○
Geology	○	○	○
Mathematics	○	○	○
Mechanical Engineering	○	○	○
Physics	○	○	○

Please verify that your answers have been recorded correctly before continuing to the next question.

Recommendations

One recommendation is required to complete your URE application. It must come from either a science,

technology, engineering, or mathematics professor, or a college counselor.

The recommendation will address:

- How the recommender knows you
- Their assessment of your interest in STEM
- Their assessment of your ability to problem solve and/or conduct research
- Their assessment of your ability to work as part of a team
- Their understanding of your educational and professional goals

Specific examples of any of the points above are helpful, but not necessary.

Please inform your recommenders that they will need to complete the recommendation form online at www.fullerton.edu/projectraise by March 10, 2018.

Submit your recommenders' information below:

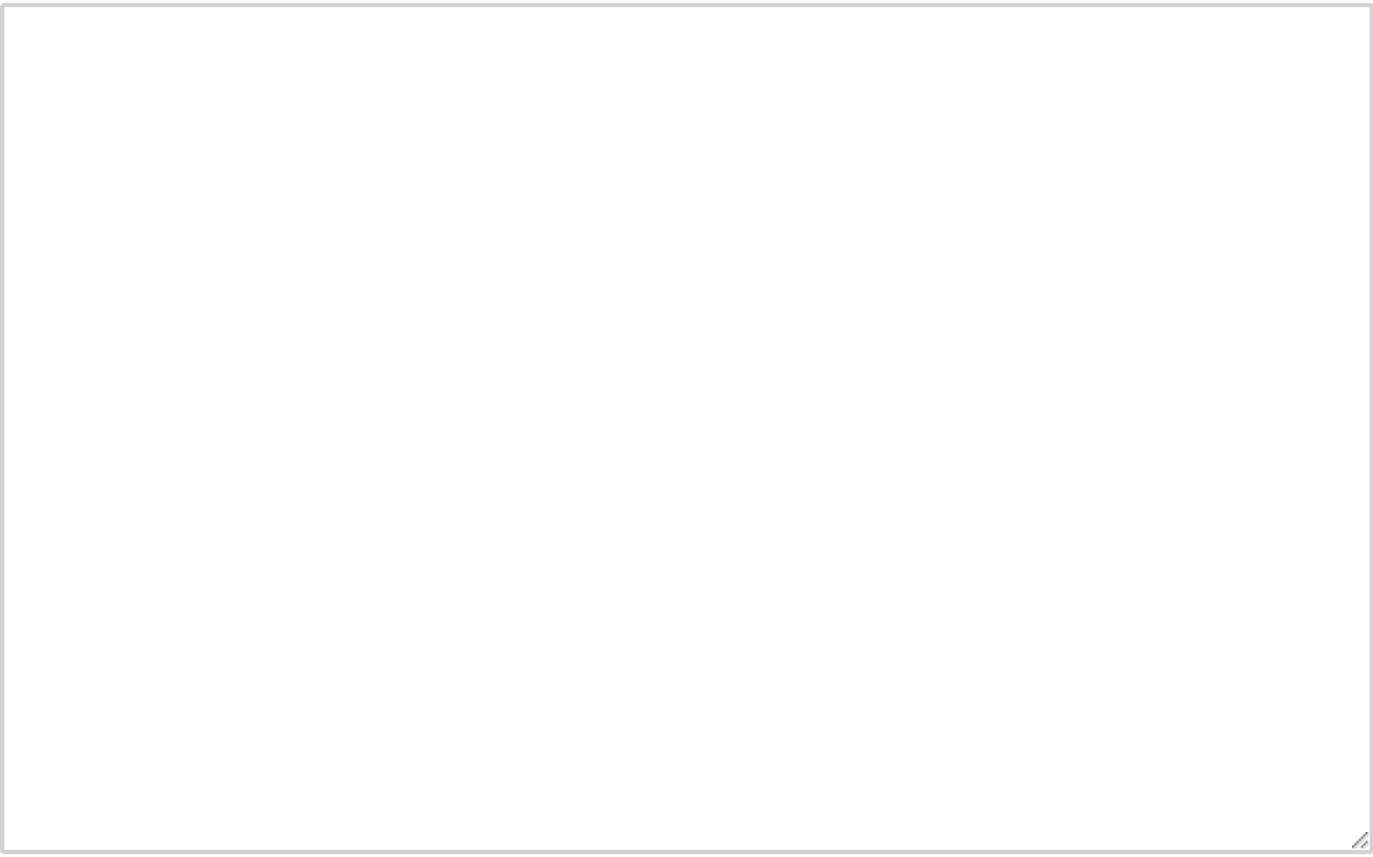Recommender Details

First Name

Last Name

Title

E-mail Address

Phone Number

Short Answer, Personal Statement, and Attachments
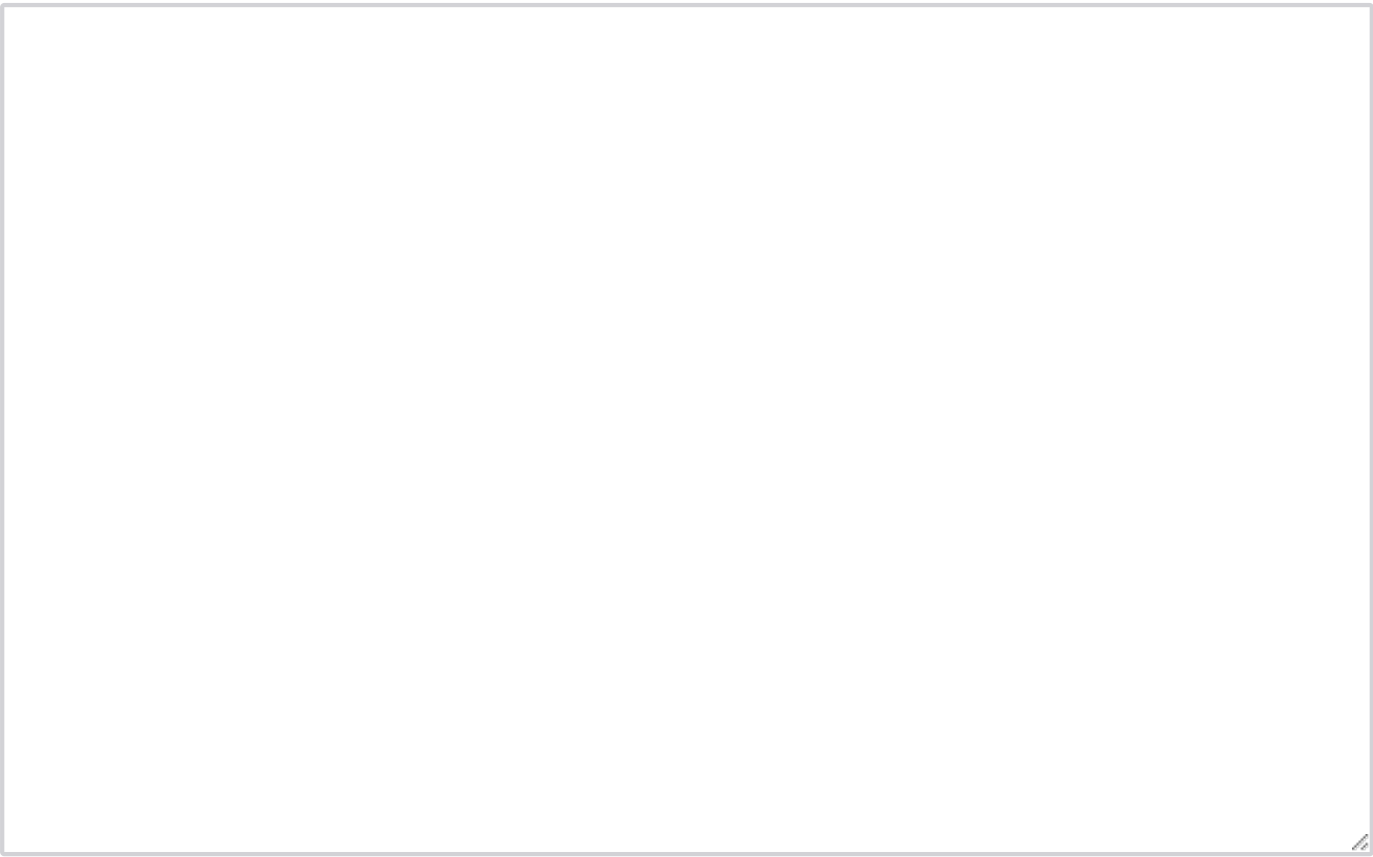
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Please answer each of the following questions in 150 words or less.

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What are your expectations for the Undergraduate Research Experience? What do you expect from your mentor, your lab mates, and the larger research community? How do you expect to contribute?

Personal Statement

Instructions:

Your personal statement should address the question below in 500 words maximum.

Describe why you want to participate in the Undergraduate Research Experience.

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Resume and Transcripts

Please submit a copy of your most updated resume and underline transcripts from all the colleges/universities that you've attended. Unofficial transcripts are okay!

Your Resume should be no longer than one page.

Your transcripts must be submitted in PDF format. If your school does not allow you to download a pdf of your unofficial transcripts, consider one of the following options:

Converting Transcripts to PDF:

Option 1: Save the document as a PDF using your computer's print system.

- Windows 10: Click File --> Print, under printer or destination select "Print as PDF" click print, and save with a new title.

- MacOS: Click File --> Print, look for the PDF button on the lower left corner, click on that pull-down menu and select, "Save as PDF" and save with a new title.

Option 2: Print out your transcripts and scan them using a printer that allows you to save your scans as PDF.

Option 3: Take screenshots of your unofficial transcripts, add and order the screenshots into a Microsoft Word document, save the document as a PDF.

Please make sure that your transcripts are legible. If we cannot see the course or grades received, we will not consider the transcript as received.

Submission Instructions

Merge your transcripts and resume into one PDF file. Your resume should be the first page, followed by your transcripts from all the colleges/universities that you have attended.

File type: PDF

Filename: CommunityCollegeName_LastName_FirstName

Example: CSUF_Titan_Tuffy

Application Summary

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Please Review your application before clicking submit; feel free to click update any responses that may have been entered incorrectly by returning to the appropriate section and updating your response. Once you have reviewed your responses, please click submit below.

Applicant Information

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Preferred Email Address:

School ID Number (from your community college):

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Gender:

Pronouns:

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Ethnicity:

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Recommender Information

File Upload

File Name:
File Link:

Feel free to copy and paste the link above to verify that you submitted the appropriate document.

Confirmation

Once you confirm that all the information in the application is correct, please click next, read the following statement, then submit your application.

Signature and Next Steps

By signing (electronically) below I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge that all information submitted as a part of this application is complete and correct. I understand that failure to disclose accurate information is grounds for immediate termination from this program. By signing below, I understand that as a program student in the Project RAISE Undergraduate Research Experience, my name, program status, and other educational information will be shared with the Project RAISE team at the partner community college I attend and at CSU Fullerton.

× SIGN HERE

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Thank you for completing your URE19 application!

Please remember to have recommendation submitted by March 10, 2019. The link for the recommendation can be found on the Project RAISE website: fullerton.edu/projectraise.

Please contact Project RAISE at raise@fullerton.edu with any questions.

Your responses will be recorded once you click submit. After clicking submit you'll have an opportunity to download a pdf of your application.