About the Science Enrichment Education Program for UC San Diego and SDSU Transfer Students

Eight-Week Program Dates: June 21, 2021 through August 13, 2021
Salary: $3,200 ($400/week)
Plus
A Travel Scholarship to Present Your Research at the International Cancer Education Conference

The Science Enrichment Education Program at UC San Diego and SDSU, Creating Scientists to Address Cancer Disparities Program (CSP), offers eight weeks of summer training to teach aspiring undergraduate scientists about cancer and how disparities can influence cancer outcomes. Students are trained in bio-behavioral science labs where they learn about the scientific process through hands-on participation. Students gain a theoretical understanding of how cancer disparities develop and are sustained. They also learn how to conduct research to discover ways to reduce cancer-linked disparities.

Given the limitations of COVID-19 guidelines, we anticipate that the first week of the program (June 21-25, 2021), instruction will be conducted entirely virtually. For the subsequent seven weeks (June 28-August 13, 2021), instruction will be a hybrid program of hands-on, in-person learning and virtual learning. Students will learn how to conduct an in-depth analysis of the relevant scientific literature on their assigned topic, how to prepare an abstract for submission to a national scientific conference, and prepare a poster for presentation at a national scientific conference. If the abstract they submit for the national scientific conference is accepted for presentation, they will be offered travel funds to attend the meeting.

The Science Enrichment Education Program is funded by the National Cancer Institute (NCI). The NCI, therefore, requires the University to send them the names of each participant, as well as other information about the participants, such as their gender and race/ethnicity. The NCI also requires the program’s directors to evaluate the impact of their training programs and to share their results with others. Since personal information is being gathered from the participants for both purposes, students must give their written consent to allow the programs’ leaders to share that information as a contingent of participating in the program.

The program’s consent document is provided on this website. Students who wish to participate in the program are asked to review that program’s consent document carefully. If accepted into CSP, participants will be asked to give their written consent to this data gathering during and after the program as a prerequisite of participating in the education program. If you have any questions about the consent document, please email your questions to: summerscienceprogram@ucsd.edu.

Application Deadline

To be guaranteed your application will be reviewed, applications from incoming UC San Diego transfer students must be received via email by May 16, 2021 (Midnight PST). Applications from incoming SDSU transfer students must be received via email by May 23, 2021 (Midnight PST). Applications before the deadline are reviewed as soon as they are received. Applications will be after those deadlines, BUT will only be reviewed if any positions remain unfilled. However, we will accept applications until all spots in the program have been filled prior to the start of the program on June 21, 2021.