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

Eight-Week Program Dates: June 25, 2018 through August 17, 2018
Salary: $3,200 ($400/week)
Plus Possible Travel Scholarship Funding to Attend a Scientific Conference

The Science Enrichment Education Programs at UC San Diego and SDSU offer 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 will also learn how to conduct research to discover ways to reduce cancer-linked disparities.

Students also 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 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 Programs are 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 programs’ 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 before participating in the programs.

The programs’ consent documents are provided on this website. Students who wish to participate in either of the programs are asked to review that program’s consent document carefully, and return the signed document with their application. If there are any questions about the consent document, please email your questions to: summerscienceprogram@ucsd.edu.

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