

2021 Science Enrichment Education Program

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Who can apply? What are the eligibility criteria?

Only incoming community college transfer students who have accepted the offer to transfer to either UC San Diego or SDSU are eligible to apply to this summer Science Enrichment Education Program.

Students are eligible to apply if they meet all three qualifications below:

1. Majoring in or planning careers in basic science, social science, psychology, nursing, dietary, engineering, pre-med, pre-dental, anthropology, public health, bio-statistics, computer science, cognitive science, etc.
2. US citizen or permanent resident
3. Meet at least one of these three qualifications below:
 - a) Be of African American, Hispanic American, Native American/Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian, Tongan, Samoan, Guamanian or other Pacific Islander descent
 - b) Been on the Federal public school lunch program and/or come from a financially disadvantaged family
 - c) Be a child of parent(s)/guardian(s) who did not graduate from a four-year college in the United States

My older sibling graduated from a 4-year U.S. university, am I still considered a first-generation college student?

You are considered a first-generation college student when neither of your parents/guardians have graduated from a four-year University in the United States.

How do I know if I am considered socioeconomically disadvantaged/low-income?

Having been on the **National School Lunch Program** as a child is one of the simplest ways to demonstrate that you have been in a socioeconomically-disadvantaged/low-income situation.

What are the 2021 program's dates?

The Science Enrichment Education Programs will both run from June 21, 2021 to August 13, 2021. This eight-week summer internship is a *full-time* commitment: 40 hours/week Monday-Friday. Participants are expected to participate in all aspects of each full day's program.

Can I enroll in a summer college course, work full-time, take a vacation, or take part in a different summer program while in this program?

Our summer program is a full-time commitment: 40 hours/week from Monday-Friday from 9 am - 5:30 pm for eight weeks and also includes after hours learning assignments.

Accepted students are expected to participate in all aspects of our program. Therefore, you may NOT make any other commitments that may interfere with your commitment to our program's schedule.

The only exception would be to attend a UC San Diego or SDSU orientation session that is required for newly admitted students and not available at any other time.

When is the deadline to apply?

To guarantee that your application will be reviewed, applications from incoming transfer students must be received via email by **May 16, 2021 (Midnight PST) for UC San Diego applicants** and **May 23, 2021 (Midnight PST) for SDSU applicants**. However, we will accept applications via email after the deadline, but later submissions of the application will only be reviewed if there are still unfilled places in the program prior to the start of the program on June 21, 2021. Applications will be reviewed as they are received.

When and how will I be notified if I am accepted?

We anticipate that we will email our acceptance letters **around June 4th**. We will also call those students to respond to any questions they might have about the program. Admitted UC San Diego students must formally respond to our offer of admission *within two days* via phone (Dr. Sadler's office 858-534-7611 or mobile 858-228-0567) or email (summerscienceprogram@ucsd.edu). Admitted SDSU students must confirm their acceptance via email *within two days* to Dr. Malcarne (vmalcarne@sdsu.edu).

Any student who is not admitted to one of the programs will automatically be waitlisted.

I am under 18 years-old, can I participate in the program?

Accepted students younger than 18 years of age can participate in our summer program, but must have their parent or guardian sign the consent document. If you will not be 18 years old by June 21, 2021, please email us to request the parental permission document and adolescent assent document if you are accepted.

Is housing provided during the summer program?

Unfortunately, our program does not have the financial capacity to provide housing. Please see the “Housing Information” for UC San Diego or SDSU provided on this website for housing options off-campus.

How are the students paid?

Students will be paid a stipend of \$3,200 (i.e., \$400/week).

What is the format of the summer program?

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.