2018 SUMMER

JULY 8 – SEPTEMBER 14, 2018

- Conduct 10 -week intensive research training in UCLA labs
- Receive CSST scholarship that covers program fees (tuition, etc..)
- Obtain 12 units UCLA course credit
- Participate in professional development and networking events
- Get potential PhD recruitment opportunity and early evaluation to UCLA PhD programs

- Who are 3 rd-year undergraduate student s (or 4th-year students in 5-year program)
- With strong interest in UCLA PhD career
- With interest in interdisciplinary study
- With o utstanding academic achievement
- With p revious research experience
- With h igh English proficiency

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CSST Cross-disciplinary Scholars in Science and Technology

UCLA

CSST 2018 SUMMER PROGRAM
July 8 – September 14, 2018
Information for Prospective Applicants

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The CSST Summer Program is a 10-week intensive research training and PhD recruitment program at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). Each program participant will be enrolled in 12 units of UCLA courses, conduct research under the guidance of a UCLA faculty mentor, and participate in required CSST activities including professional development and networking events. UCLA PhD programs will preview potential CSST applicants' research performance and begin early evaluation for the next year's graduate school admission cycle.

About 90-95% of CSST participants came from biomedical & life sciences, physical Science, and engineering majors (STEM majors). But we also welcome students from non-STEM majors such as geology, sociology, political science, urban planning, economics, and so forth. (STEM: **S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering & **M**athematics.)

The specific goals of the CSST Summer Program are to:
- Develop students' research career potentials
- Foster cross-disciplinary interaction and research
- Develop a community of CSST colleagues
- Identify and recruit top students to UCLA PhD programs

KEY PROGRAM DATES

Date/Time (tentative)	Description
Week 1: Sunday, July 8 , 2018	Program Start: Arrival and Move-In Day
Week 1: Monday, July 9, 2018	CSST Orientation and Lab safety training
Week 2: Tuesday, July 17 – Thursday, July 19, 2018	Peer Seminar: Oral Presentations of Project Plans
Week 3 – Week 8	CSST Seminars, Lectures, Activities
Week 9: Tuesday, September 4 – Thursday, September 6, 2018	Peer Seminar: Oral Presentations of Project Results
Week 10: Tuesday, September 11, 2018	CSST Final Presentations: Poster Presentations
Week 10: Friday, September 14, 2018	Program End: Move-Out day

STUDENT SELECTION

A limited number (300-350) of applicants who meet the following criteria will be selected for the 2018 CSST interviews. 90-100 students will be admitted into the summer program.

- Strong interest in UCLA PhD career
- Interest in interdisciplinary study
- Outstanding academic achievement
- Previous research experience
- High English proficiency
- Independent thinking & creativity
- Mature personality

ONLINE APPLICATION

We will announce the application link soon. Please check back on your university website for application instructions in a few weeks. Below is an overview of what you would be asked to provide in the online application form. If you are interested to apply, we strongly encourage you to **prepare the application materials ahead of time**.

- Your basic information: name, contact information, etc..

- Your academic background.
    - GPA, ranking, etc.
        - Please use http://www.foreigncredits.com/Resources/GPA-Calculator/ to calculate your GPA. Use: Country → US.
    - You will be asked to upload your **Official Transcripts** in English (it takes time to obtain official transcripts so please plan ahead)

- English tests that you have taken
    - National English Test in China (CET-4/6), TOEFL, IELTS, GRE, etc..
    - Applicants' English proficiency will also be assessed during our in-person interviews.
    - Although you are not required to provide these test scores during application, if you are admitted into the program, however, you **MUST** provide a TOEFL iBT minimum score of 79, or IELTS minimum score of 6.5, or iTEP minimum score of 5 by **March 1st 2018.** This is required for your F1 visa to participate in the program. This is a mandatory requirement by UCLA International office and no exception can be made.

- Your research experience
    - You may describe up to 3 research experiences you have.

- Your Curriculum Vitae

- 2-Part Essay
    - Part 1: Personal Statement (300-500) — Please browse

HOUSING

Housing plays an important role in developing a community of CSST colleagues and promoting cross-disciplinary interaction among students. Each student will be assigned a bed in a triple room in UCLA campus housing. All CSST students are required to live in their assigned housing. A meal plan of 11-meals or 15-meals per week is also included in the housing package.

ENROLLMENT

CSST will enroll each student in 4 units of 199 or 197 independent study course with his/her UCLA faculty mentor and 8 units of CSST Colloquium (aka M Pharm 194) with Professor Ren Sun, CSST Director. Course grades will be based upon research performance, CSST program attendance, and personal conduct.

NOTES

Students are strongly encouraged to take the GRE examinations before attending the Summer Program. Although GRE scores are not a requirement for participating in the Summer Program, it will be useful for evaluating the student's admissibility to UCLA PhD programs at the end of the Summer Program. Additionally, taking the exams early will allow students to retake it later if necessary.

Please contact CSST at: csst@ieo.ucla.edu