

Mission

“Our mission is to design and conduct basic, clinical, applied translational and prevention research programs directed toward reducing cancer incidence, morbidity and mortality in underrepresented or under-resourced communities.”



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**UNDERGRADUATE
CANCER
RESEARCH
TRAINING
PROGRAM**

A Private University with a Public Mission



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

UCRTP is an 8-12-week research program designed for outstanding undergraduate students who are interested in pursuing a career in biomedical sciences. **We strongly encourage diverse students interested in cancer health disparities to apply.**

An individualized program is developed for each undergraduate participant, who will be paired to work with a faculty Principal Investigator and associates at CDU or UCLA laboratories on a selected cancer research project. **The goal of the UCRTP is to ensure that each undergraduate student acquires the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to become proficient in cancer health disparities research.**

On completion of the program, each undergraduate trainee will have worked on a hypothesis-driven research project in cancer health disparities and developed a research paper (based on the findings of the ancillary project). Students will also have the opportunity to present their findings before a regional or national conference and benefit from seminar series focused on translational cancer health disparities research.

OBJECTIVES

- Participate in an innovative cancer research project that focuses on health disparities.
- Participate in lectures and seminars held at the CDU and UCLA-JCCC campuses in cancer and disparities research.
- Learn hands on research procedures and experimental techniques under the guidance of faculty mentors, staff, and associates.
- Present a professional seminar during our Cancer Journal Club and present progress on their research project at weekly lab meetings.
- Prepare a professional research paper and present a poster/oral presentation at research symposiums held at CDU or UCLA.

ELIGIBILITY

- Low income or underrepresented* undergraduate freshmen, sophomores, juniors, & non-graduating seniors.
- Pursuing a career in biomedical-related sciences with health disparities focus.
- Minimum 3.0 GPA.
- Successful completion of college-level general biology and chemistry.
- No prior research experience required.

**African-American, Hispanic-American, American Indian or Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander.*

If you have any questions about eligibility, please contact the UCRTP Office—Milena Pavlova

STIPEND

Students accepted into the program will be eligible to receive a stipend up to ***\$4,000 for a maximum of 12 weeks.***

HOW TO APPLY

Complete our online application at:
<https://ucrtp.fluidreview.com/>

Visit our website or email us for detailed instructions.

DEADLINE TO APPLY

March 1, 2018

RESEARCH TOPICS

- Health disparities research
- Role of community in population and health disparities research
- Translational research
- Early diagnosis and treatment
- Nutrition, diet, exercise and risk for cancer
- Environment and cancer
- Cancer survivorship and quality of life
- Developmental biology and genetics
- Emerging Technology

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Housing & Meals: CDU or UCLA does not provide housing and/or meal plans for accepted students.

Time commitment: The research program will be equivalent to a full time job. To accommodate students on the semester or quarter systems, two different program tracks will be provided. Each track will run up to a maximum of 12 weeks. A reliable form of transportation will be needed.