



STEM-MAS NEWSLETTER

MAXIMIZING ACHIEVEMENT IN STEM (MAS)



Our new stemmies
from Cohort 13!

WINTER 2025

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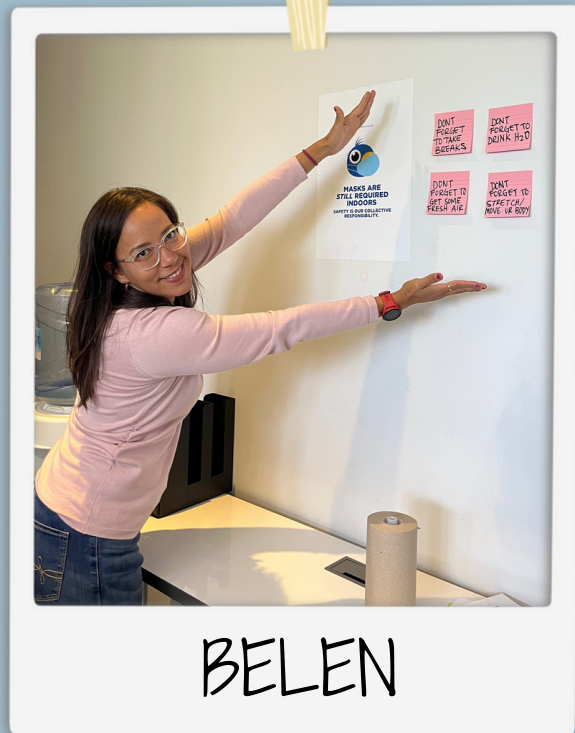
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STEM COUNSELING



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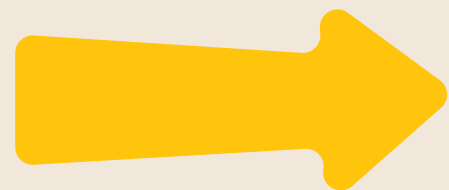


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If you are in the STEM/MAS Program, appointments can be made via Corsair Connect. For non-program participants, there are 3 different ways to make an appointment. See our website for these 3 options.



NEW EXTENDED STEM LAB WINTER HOURS



**MON - FRI
8AM - 8PM!**

**LOCATION:
DRESCHER HALL 3RD
FLOOR, 302**



STARTING **WEEK 3**
JAN 21, 2025 UNTIL THE END
OF WINTER SESSION



JOIN US!

**STEM Tutoring & Peer Mentoring
Winter 2025**

- ✓ Offered both in-person and via Zoom!
- ✓ No appointment necessary! First come, first serve
- ✓ ALL students are welcome

We tutor math, chemistry, physics, and computer science!

Check out the [STEM Tutoring and Peer Mentor Schedule!](#)

NOT SURE WHERE
TO GET STARTED?

CLICK THE LINKS
BELOW FOR HELPFUL
RESOURCES AND
VALUABLE TIPS
CREATED BY THE
CAREER SERVICES
CENTER:



FINDING RESEARCH
OPPORTUNITIES



CHOOSING AND
CONTACTING
REFERENCES



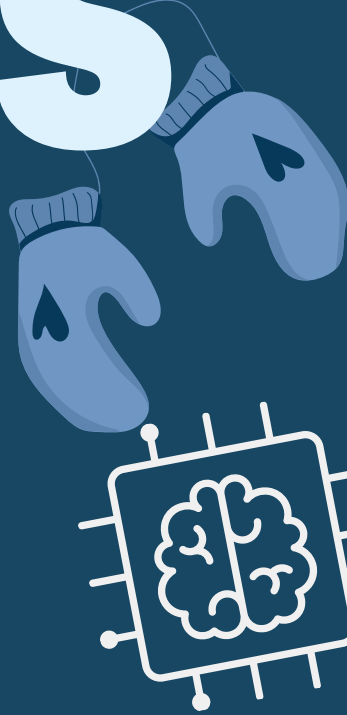
WAYS TO HAVE A
PRODUCTIVE SUMMER
BEYOND AN
INTERNSHIP/RESEARCH
OPPORTUNITY

Meet with our Career
Center for major,
internship, and research
opportunity support!



SANTA MONICA COLLEGE
CAREER
SERVICES
CENTER

STEM-TUNITIES PART I



UCLA BREAKTHROUGH TECH AI

Hosted at UCLA, the 12-month program will help undergraduate college women (trans and cis), nonbinary, and other underrepresented groups in tech master the skills necessary to get jobs in the fastest-growing areas of tech: data science, machine learning, and artificial intelligence.



DEADLINE: FEB 24, 2025

APPLY HERE

Program led by a
STEM Program
Alum!

COMMUNITY COLLEGE FIELD BIOLOGY ALLIANCE

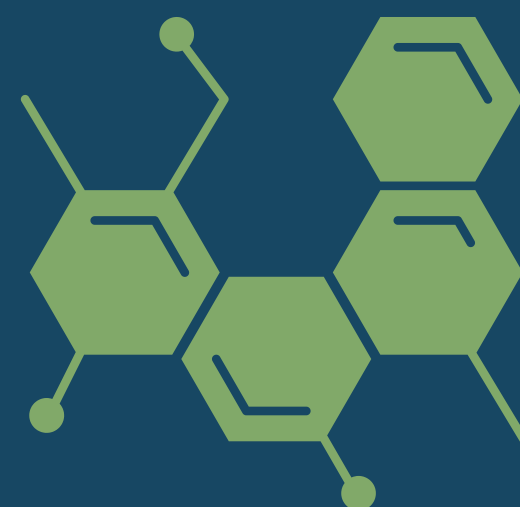
8-month research internship exploring ecological sciences hands-on and assisting researchers with ecological data collection.

- Travel for a week of camping in the Sierra National Forest to work alongside field ecologists
- Develop an original research project
- 6-hour a month time commitment & \$1,000 stipend



DEADLINE: FEB 21, 2025

APPLY HERE



NEED HELP WITH
RESUME WRITING
AND/OR INTERNSHIP
PERSONAL
STATEMENTS?



**RESUME WRITING
FOR STEM MAJORS**



**PERSONAL
STATEMENT &
SUPPLEMENTAL
QUESTIONS**

NEED 1-ON-1 HELP
WITH RESUME
WRITING OR
PERSONAL
STATEMENTS?



**WRITING &
HUMANITIES
TUTORING CENTER**

**SCHEDULE AN
APPOINTMENT ON
CORSAIR CONNECT**

**LOCATION:
DRESCHER HALL
312 + VIRTUAL
SEE WEBSITE FOR
HOURS**

STEM-TUNITIES PART II



UCLA BRUINS-IN-GENOMICS (B.I.G)

Summer Research Program is an 8-week full-time immersion summer program at UCLA. Program benefits:

- \$4600 stipend and additional funds available for housing, travel, and conference attendance
- Seminars on career building, next-generation sequencing data, statistical analysis methods, and more

DEADLINE: MARCH 3, 2025
APPLY HERE

USC SUMMER UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE (SURE)

8-week summer program where participants learn about cutting-edge research under the guidance of world-renowned USC faculty researchers and mentorship from PhD students

- \$5,200 stipend plus room, paid food and travel expenses
- Relevant Majors: Engineering, Math, Computer Science, or hard science (biology, chemistry, physics)
- Guest speakers, field trips, and networking opportunities

DEADLINE: FEB 2, 2025
APPLY HERE



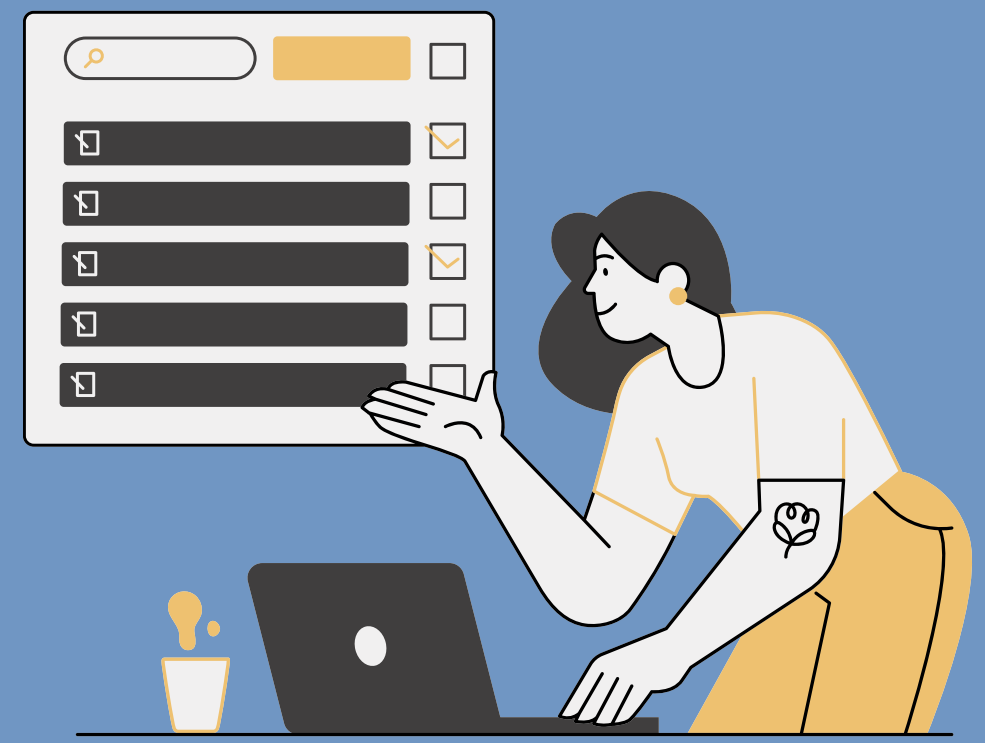
STANFORD SUMMER CC PREMEDICAL PROGRAM

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DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2025
APPLY HERE

IMPORTANT REMINDERS PT. I



UC & CSU TRANSFER ADMISSION UPDATE (TAU)

PRIORITY DEADLINE: JAN 31

UNIVERSITY
OF
CALIFORNIA

CSU The California
State University

- After applying, transfer students are required to update their grades and course records.
- You must log in to your CSU and UC application and complete the Transfer Admission Update (TAU).
- **TAUs NEED to include grades through fall 2024 and planned coursework through summer 2025. The deadline is January 31, 2025.**
- Note: some UCs and CSUs have a supplemental TAU for you to submit as well.

Please monitor your email

CSU TRANSFER ADMISSION EXTENSION

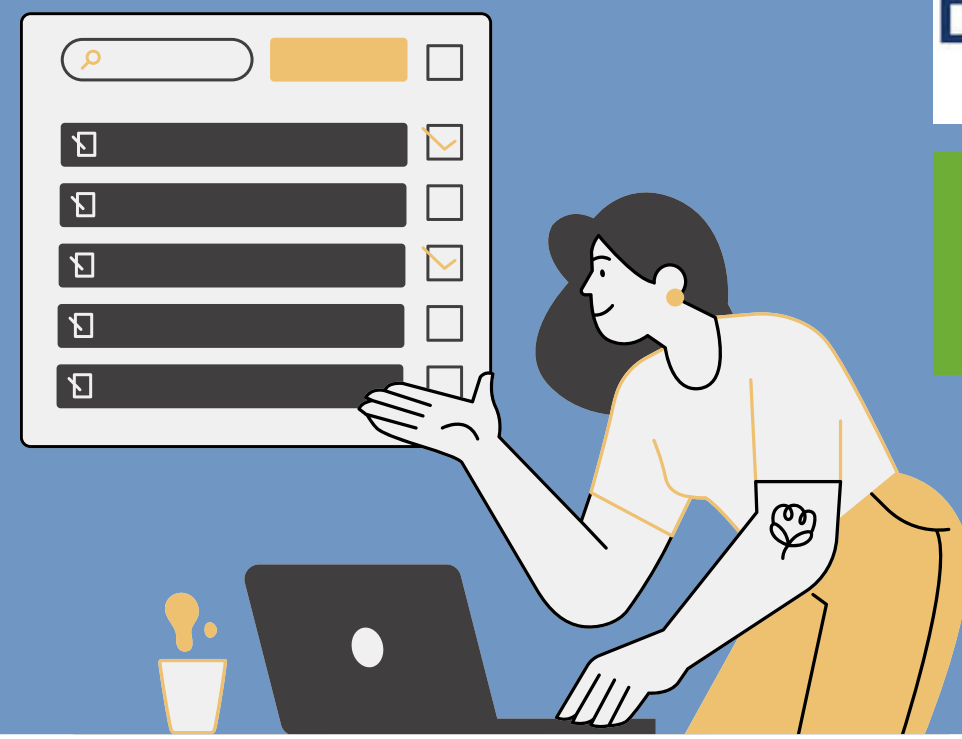
DEADLINES: VARY (SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO)

- Many California State University (CSU) campuses have extended their application deadlines. To find out which are still open use the **CSU Application Dates & Deadlines Website**.



The **STEM Counseling** team is available and ready to support you with your transfer goals!

\$ IMPORTANT REMINDERS PT. II



FINANCIAL AID PRIORITY DEADLINE

FAFSA AND CADAA

The priority deadline to submit your FAFSA or CADAA is **March 2, 2025**.

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If you have questions about FAFSA or CADAA, **STEM Counselors** are available during the winter session to help you!



Scholarship Opportunity

The Western Digital Scholarship Program



The Western Digital Scholarship Program was established in 2018 to help realize the potential of future scientists, technologists, and engineers. The program has awarded more than \$3 million in scholarships to encourage and assist students whose educational opportunities will be expanded by financial assistance.

U.S. Western Digital STEM Scholarships

Western Digital is committed to expanding access to STEM education by reducing financial barriers and increasing representation of historically underrepresented and underserved students in the U.S. We offer this scholarship to outstanding community college students transferring to a four-year university in pursuit of a STEM degree.

Scholarships are one-time awards of \$5,000.



Eligibility Requirements



- Be a current full-time undergraduate student attending a two-year community college in the United States (U.S.)
- Planning to transfer to full-time enrollment at an accredited four-year college or university in the U.S. for the upcoming academic year (for which the scholarship will be applied)
- Pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree in the field of Engineering, Mathematics, Computer Science, or other Sciences (not including agricultural, health or life)
- Minimum GPA of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent)
- Demonstrate financial need or hardship

Program Timeline

Application Opens

January 20, 2025

Awards Announced By

May 31, 2025

Application Due Date
3:00pm U.S. Central Time

Learn More & Apply: <https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/westerndigital-stem>

Our Partners

Western Digital partners with 3rd party providers including Scholarship America to identify students fitting our applicant profile, process applications, award scholarships, and provide support services to scholarship recipients. Western Digital will not have access to nor process the information within applications. Our partners are solely responsible for the protection of any information that is provided by the applicant. We encourage all applicants to read the privacy practices/notices/policies before using their service.

Funding for our scholarship programs is provided through the Western Digital Fund, a corporate advised fund of Silicon Valley Community Foundation.

PRIVATE AND OUT-OF-STATE SCHOOL DEADLINES



Most private schools and out-of-state schools use the Common Application. Here are some application deadlines for popular schools:

Loyola Marymount University: Priority deadline Feb 1

University of Michigan: Feb 1

University of Southern California (USC): Feb 15

Columbia University: March 1

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT): March 17

Check out the Private (California and Out of State) Schools Workshops happening through our Transfer Center!

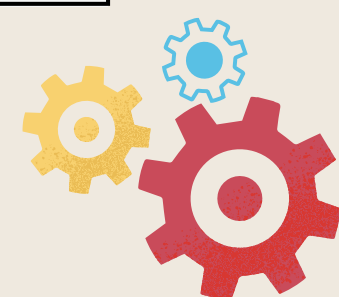


STEM/MAS PROGRAM APPLICATION COMING SOON

The STEM Program application will become available at the beginning of the Spring semester! Sign up for our prospective student mailing list to receive updates.

Sign up for the STEM mailing list!

Current/active STEM Program participants do not need to reapply





RESOURCES

EMAIL STEM@SMC.EDU FOR MORE INFORMATION



1

BODEGA

Currently enrolled students are eligible
Winter Hours:

- Tue & Thur 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM
- Wednesday 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM

15 SMC Bodge Bites locations that provide students with healthy snacks

- [Locations](#)



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MEAL PROJECT

- Currently enrolled SMC students facing food insecurity can receive free meal support.
- [Learn more here](#)



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CAL FRESH

CalFresh is a program that helps individuals and families buy nutritious groceries and support their well-being.

To learn more or get help completing an application click [here](#)

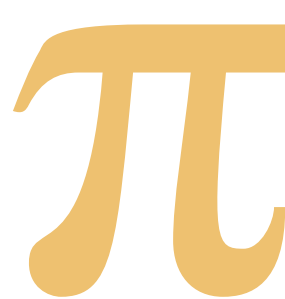


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BENTO

Order nearby pick-up meals each month to-go meals from participating restaurants by texting a request.

[Learn more here](#)



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MATH MODULES

- Need more support in Algebra, Trigonometry, Statistics, or Calculus?
- Add self-paced math modules for more resources!
- [Add now!](#)



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CHROMEBOOK LENDING

- Meet with a counselor to request a Chromebook loaner for the Winter and/or Spring semesters!



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THE CHANGE REACTION

- Need help covering an emergency expense? We may be able to help!
- The Change Reaction is a non-profit that provides SMC students with immediate financial assistance for urgent needs.



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LENDING RESOURCES

Did you know you could borrow the following items from the STEM Program?

- White Lab Coats (CHEM 9, 10, 11, 12, 31)
- Flame Retardant Lab Coats (CHEM 21, 24)
- Goggles for Lab
- Scientific & Graphing Calculators