

Amgen Scholars Program

An Undergraduate Summer Research Program in Science and Biotechnology

The Amgen Scholars Program is a national program to increase learning and networking opportunities for students committed to pursuing a career in science or engineering. During summer 2012, UCLA will host 24 Amgen Scholars. 12 will be undergraduates from UCLA and 12 will be from other 4-year colleges and universities.

2012 PROGRAM DATES: 10 WEEK PROGRAM

Sunday, JUNE 24 (move-in) – Friday AUGUST 31, 2012 (move-out)

Opening Reception: Monday, JUNE 25

APPLICATIONS:

Applications for summer 2012 will open in November 2011. The deadline for Summer 2012 applications is February 1, 2012. Please click on the Application link to the left for details on applying next year.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Students interested in summer research in any area of biomedical science, chemistry, bioengineering or chemical engineering are encouraged to apply. Students will be paired with a UCLA faculty mentor if the student does not already have a mentor at UCLA. Please visit the Amgen Faculty web site for information on over 100 potential mentors on the UCLA campus.

In addition to working full time in the laboratory for 10 weeks, the program features:

- Weekly luncheons where students can meet and discuss science with invited faculty speakers
- Weekly workshops on such topics as applying to graduate school, how to write a personal statement and how to give a research presentation
- Three- day Biotechnology Symposium sponsored by the Amgen Corporation held in Los Angeles
- GRE test preparation
- Access to UCLA campus facilities
- Social events to network with other summer researchers

REQUIREMENTS:

Upon receiving an Amgen Scholars Award, students sign an agreement to fulfill the following requirements

- To devote full effort in participation in the Amgen Scholars Program. Scholars cannot take any courses or hold a job throughout the duration of the program. In addition, all participants must be able to attend the program for its entire duration.
- To participate fully in the life of the research group, respect the work of all members of the laboratory, and attend and participate in laboratory meetings or other gatherings.
- To attend all required conferences, workshops, weekly luncheons and social events.
- To give a poster presentation describing his/her summer research project
- To submit a research paper to the UCLA Amgen Scholars Program Director at the conclusion of the program
- To complete a pre and post-program survey.

ELIGIBILITY:

Applicants must be:

- U.S. citizens or U.S. permanent residents
- Undergraduates enrolled in four-year colleges and universities in the U.S., Puerto Rico and other U.S. Territories.

- Sophomores (with 4 quarters or 3 semesters of college experience), Juniors and non-graduating Seniors (who are returning in the fall to continue their undergraduate experience).
- Cumulative G.P.A. of 3.2 or above.
- Interested in pursuing a Ph.D. or M.D./Ph.D.

AWARD:

- **\$350 PER WEEK:** \$3500 for 10 weeks
- **ROOM & BOARD:** on-campus housing and some meals are provided
- **TRAVEL ALLOWANCE:** A travel allowance of up to \$500 is offered to non-UCLA out of state students for travel to/from Los Angeles. Non-UCLA students who reside in California will be offered a travel allowance of up to \$250.
- *Please note: The UCLA Amgen Scholars Program reserves the right to adjust stipend amounts for students receiving alternative funding sources*

For UCLA Students Receiving Financial Aid: When Financial Aid is disbursed, it credits to a UCLA student's BAR account, paying current year outstanding charges. These charges include registration fees, tuition, and other education-related expenses. Any aid credited to the student's account in excess of these charges is then made available as a refund check which is mailed to the student or deposited electronically into their bank account.

Note: Since Amgen Scholars cannot enroll in courses over the summer, they typically do not use financial aid during this time. Therefore, unless there are any existing current year outstanding charges, students primarily receive their summer stipend in the form of a disbursement check.

For Visiting Students and UCLA Students Not Receiving Financial Aid: These student stipends will be issued in the form of a disbursement check that is mailed to the student or deposited electronically.

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