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High School Students Can Earn University Credit Through Summer Research

UC Santa Barbara's Research Mentorship Program, which enables talented high school students to get an early start on their college careers, will take place this summer from June 23 through August 1. The deadline for submitting applications is May 30.

The six-week summer program gives students ages 16 to 18 who have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 the opportunity to conduct research under the guidance of UCSB faculty members, post doctoral students, and advanced graduate students.

Choosing their own research topics in areas as diverse as science and engineering, the arts and music, the social sciences, and the humanities, the students earn eight units of UC academic credit. At the end of the program, they present their research findings at a two-day symposium that is open to the public.

"They're already bright and eager young students, but within six weeks they make remarkable transformations in understanding concepts and using vocabulary," said Miriam Polne-Fuller, a research biologist at UCSB's Marine Science Institute and director of the program. "When they present their work at the symposium they sound like young professionals."

Participants can live in campus residence halls or commute to UCSB daily. The cost for the Research Mentorship Program is \$6,798, which includes tuition, housing, three daily meals, and extracurricular activities. For commuting students the cost is \$3,000. Scholarships are available for financially qualified students.

Applications should be submitted to UCSB's Summer Sessions office by May 30.

Additional information, including downloadable applications, is available online at www.summer.ucsb.edu/precollegeprograms or by calling (805) 893-8950.

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