CSUN
Trainee and Scholar Benefits

• Faculty research mentor
• Year-long research training
• Annual Stipend
  o $8,472 – sophomores
  o $11,856 – juniors/seniors
• Partial tuition paid
• Funds for textbooks
• Travel to present at conferences
• Research supply funds
• Summer research opportunities
• Professional development
• Field trips
• Graduate school preparation
• and much more!

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BUILD PODER Eligibility
Trainees (Sophomores) and Scholars (Juniors/Senior)

• Currently a CSUN undergraduate
• Must be enrolled as a full-time student
• Completed at least 60 units of college-level courses but still have 2 years remaining in degree program
• All majors welcomed, but must have an interest in biomedical research topics (e.g., health and health disparities), and must be committed to earning a Ph.D.
• Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher
• U.S. citizen, national or permanent resident
• Committed to attending a doctoral program after graduation of bachelor’s degree.

BUILD PODER is particularly interested in encouraging the recruitment and retention of the following classes of students:

A. Individuals from racial and ethnic groups that have been shown by the National Science Foundation to be underrepresented in health-related sciences on a national basis, including: African Americans, Hispanic Americans, American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and other Pacific Islanders.

B. Individuals with disabilities, who are defined as those with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.
C. Individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds who are defined as:
   1. Individuals who come from a family with an annual income below established low-income thresholds (see 2014 guidelines at http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/14poverty.cfm).

   2. Individuals who come from a social, cultural, or educational environment such as that found in certain rural or inner-city environments that have demonstrably and recently directly inhibited the individual from obtaining the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to develop and participate in a research career.