

## A Golden Opportunity to Help Improve Success In College

May 2022

Dear Prospective Freshman:

We are pleased to know you are interested in continuing on to higher education at California State University, Northridge (CSUN), a university highly ranked by the National Science Foundation and by Nature magazine.

**PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH SUPPORTED PROGRAM**  
Get Honored and Paid to help improve your success in college

We have offered entering freshman the opportunity to participate in a summer program that helps students enhance their Math and English skills, two areas which are of critical importance, especially if you are interested in entering a science-related field. On behalf of Dr. Maria Elena Zavala, project director, you are invited to apply to this prestigious National Institutes of Health (NIH) supported program. **This year the program will be offered July 5 through August 5, 2022** (all day, every weekday). Attendance is taken 3 times a day. Upon your successful completion of this five week program you will receive a prestigious Certificate of Recognition and \$500 (in cash or gift card equivalent). This program is supported by the NIH and CSUN; your successful completion of this program could open many doors of opportunity to you, such as getting paid thousands of dollars to train to do research in science. **THIS YEAR THE PROGRAM WILL BE HELD IN-PERSON AT CSUN.**

**Selected applicants must provide proof of enrollment at CSUN prior to the start of the five week session which begins July 5, 2022. Selected applicants who have not provided proof of enrollment by July 1, 2022 will be withdrawn from the program.**

**Successful completion of this program may exempt you from taking the EARLY START program. During the last week of this program you will likely take a specially arranged Math Placement Test. If you do well on this test you may have the opportunity to enroll in a more advanced math course. It is possible that the program will be full before the deadline date, so get your materials in right away.**

**The complete application must be received by June 1, 2022. We look forward to hearing from you. Applications received after June 1 might be considered if spots are still available.**

Sincerely,

Steven B. Oppenheimer, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus  
Co-Coordinator, NIH Summer Program  
U.S. Presidential Award  
Director, Center for Cancer and Developmental Biology  
Trustees Outstanding Professor CSU System  
Fellow, AAAS

Cheryl Courtney-Hogue, Ph.D.  
Professor of Biology, Associate Chair of Biology  
Co-Coordinator, NIH Summer Program  
Co-PI Bridges to the Doctorate Research Training Program  
Co-PI U-RISE Program

Maria Elena Zavala, Ph.D., Director of the NIH Summer Program  
Professor of Biology,  
Trustees Outstanding Professor  
Fellow AAAS  
Fellow American Society for Cell Biology  
Fellow American Society of Plant Biology  
Fellow California Academy of Sciences  
U.S. Presidential Award

## PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH) SUPPORTED PROGRAM

To apply please complete the following application and also include a letter of recommendation from a teacher or counselor, official or unofficial high school transcripts and a 250-500 word typed essay stating why you would like to participate in this program. **Incomplete applications (those missing any of the above requested information) will not be reviewed.** Send the completed application and supporting documents in one packet to:

**U-RISE and Bridges to the Ph.D. Office  
CSUN – Department of Biology  
18111 Nordhoff Street  
Northridge, CA 91330-8303**

**It can also be sent by email attachment to**

Rachel Giacomuzzi ([csunmore@csun.edu](mailto:csunmore@csun.edu))

**Please note: This program is for all science (biology, chemistry/biochemistry, math, and physics), health science, kinesiology and psychology majors**

**DEADLINE:** **June 1, 2022**, but early submission is encouraged as we receive an overwhelming response and applicant submissions that are received early have an increased chance of acceptance. There are 30 positions. Once these positions have been filled additional qualified applicants who have been selected to participate in the program will be placed on a wait-list. Early applicants generally have good organizational skills and may be selected before the deadline date. The program may close well before the deadline date.

**MAJORS:** Biology, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Health Science, Mathematics, Kinesiology, Physics, and Psychology students are eligible to participate.

**EMAIL ONLY:** All communications will be through email. Be sure to provide an active email address. Be sure to check your email **OFTEN**. We do not want students who can not regularly check email and who do not quickly respond to all emails.

Please be sure to include

- A letter of recommendation from your teacher or counselor
- An official or unofficial copy of your high school transcripts
- A 250-500 word typed essay stating why you would like to participate in this program

**The transcript, essay, and letter of recommendation are required. A good letter of recommendation improves your chances of acceptance.**

**The completed application must be received by June 1, 2022.**

***Thank you for your interest in your future! This is a prestigious National Institutes of Health supported program that could look very good on your record!***

***This program helps students do well in college and is run by some of the World's top experts in Math and English. YOU GET A PRESTIGIOUS CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION (LOOKS GREAT ON YOUR RECORD) and \$500 IN CASH OR GIFT CARD UPON successful completion of the 5 week program.***

Be sure to include the application below, transcripts, essay, letter of recommendation together in **ONE** packet. Applications that are not complete will not be reviewed. Thank you.

## APPLICATION

### Summer 2022 National Institutes of Health Summer Enrichment Program for Incoming Freshmen

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS AGAIN \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR HIGH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL GPA \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR CSUN MAJOR \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a U.S. Citizen? YES NO

Are you a Permanent U.S. Resident, Green Card? YES NO

Are you possibly interested in doing biomedical research (this can be done with any Science, Math or Psychology major) in the future? YES NO

DO YOU HAVE A COMPUTER OR ABILITY TO USE ONE?  
YES NO

CAN YOU WORK INDEPENDENTLY AND CONSCIENTIOUSLY FROM YOUR HOME? PLEASE DISCUSS.

I understand this program is only for students who will enter CSUN Fall 2022. I will provide proof of enrollment by July 1, 2022. I know I will not be allowed to participate in the program if I do not register/enroll in classes at CSUN.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### **Application deadline June 1, 2022**

Remember **DO NOT APPLY** if you think you'll miss or be late to any session (5 days a week 9AM - 4:30 or 5PM).

Get honored and paid to help improve your chances for success in college