



# UCI BioSci Student Affairs

## BIO SCI ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS Fall 2023 - Week 2

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## 1. Meet Your Bio Sci Peer Academic Advisors (PAAs) + Tips on How to Adjust to the Quarter System! - Oct. 18

WORKSHOP

WEEK 3

# Meet The PAAs!



**What are PAAs?**

PAAs are students just like you who can offer course planning advice, study tips, and other help with your academics!

OCTOBER 18TH, 3–4PM • NS1 ROOM 3116  
Come by to ask us any questions about adjusting to the quarter!

## 2. Mentorship Program to Help Students Navigate Undergrad Research

The Mentors for Academic and Research Success (MARS) is an initiative created by Research Outreach at UCI (ROUCI) to provide peer mentorship and guidance to undergraduate students with their academic, career, and research-related endeavors. The goal of this program is to unite the student community to develop inclusive opportunities to make connections and receive support in navigating research and student life at UCI.

### Program Overview:

Mentors and potential mentees will meet on our MARS Mentor-Mentee Mixer during Week 6, Nov. 8th, and they will be officially matched on our MARS Match Day during Week 9, Nov. 29th. Mentors and mentees will meet at least once per designated period (about once every 2 weeks), and socials will be held throughout the program to get to know other mentors and mentees!

[Mentor Applications](#) are currently open and are due **Saturday, Oct. 28th**.

**Mentee Applications** will open on **Wednesday, Nov. 8th (MARS Mentor-Mentee Mixer)**.

### Got Questions?

Please contact the ROUCI email: [roucitem@uci.edu](mailto:roucitem@uci.edu)

To learn more about our club, visit our [website](#) and Instagram (@researchoutreachuci)

**MENTORS FOR ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH SUCCESS (MARS)**

**SCAN QR CODE TO APPLY!**

**THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATION IS WEEK 4, 10-28-23 (SATURDAY) AT 11:59PM.**

**MENTORS MUST BE AVAILABLE TO ATTEND MIXER AND MATCH MEETINGS ON WEDNESDAY NOV. 8TH AND 29TH AT 5-6 PM.**

**ALL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO APPLY!**

### 3. UCI School of Medicine: Med Student Mentorship Program "Guiding Hands"

Dear UCI BioSci Undergrads,

My name is Maren Smith and I am reaching out on behalf of the UCI School of Medicine 'Guiding Hands' student organization: a group of medical students that provide mentorship to undergraduates at UCI who are interested in medicine and healthcare careers. Guiding Hands is a longitudinal mentorship program for pre-medical students in the Orange County area, especially those at schools that lack in pre-medical guidance, resources, and support. We aim to provide long-term mentor relationships, advice with course selection and extracurriculars, insight into the medical school application process, a support network, and hopefully greater chances of medical school acceptances in the future.

If you are interested in being paired with a mentor, please fill out the form below. Please rest assured that this information will not be seen by anyone except the committee that is in charge of matching mentors and mentees. Furthermore, we ask that you answer the questions in as much detail as possible to facilitate the matching process.

If you have any questions about this process or how mentorship through Guiding Hands works in general, feel free to email me.

<https://forms.gle/ALVSTWBAjzsrw1yEA>

Best,

Maren Smith, MS2  
UC Irvine School of Medicine  
[marenbs@hs.uci.edu](mailto:marenbs@hs.uci.edu)

## 4. University of Pittsburgh - Physician Scientist Training Program Info Session - Oct. 30

Come join us on October 30th, 2023, at 5pm PST!

If you're a pre-med student interested in research, come learn about the opportunities that are possible to conduct meaningful research in medical school! The University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine is a research powerhouse with great clinical training and welcomes applications from students residing outside of Pennsylvania. We are a part of the University of Pittsburgh's PSTP, a 5-year medical school program that adds a year of basic or translational research to the regular Pitt Med experience.

Benefits include:

- Protected research time
- \$10,000 of tuition assistance for each year of medical school
- Individualized mentoring and an innovative enrichment curriculum

All levels of study are welcome! If attendees could try and register before the event, we would appreciate it!

Registration Link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekoeDTFJ9wh3hzq2L2FpXMWLe9ST2sUeG660lcZxkH2z7Xww/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekoeDTFJ9wh3hzq2L2FpXMWLe9ST2sUeG660lcZxkH2z7Xww/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Zoom Link:

<https://pitt.zoom.us/j/91945244808>

Learn more at: Home | [Physician Scientist Training Program](#) (pitt.edu)

FOR ANY QUESTIONS/CONCERNS, CONTACT: Blair Douglass – [bdd18@pitt.edu](mailto:bdd18@pitt.edu)

## 5. Pediatric Exercise and Genomics Research Center (PERC) - Fall Recruitment

Hello! Come join PERC @ UCI! We are part of the Pediatric Exercise and Genomics Research Center at UCI Pediatrics, and our undergraduate outreach program focuses on providing education to the public at community health fairs about nutrition, sugar intake, diseases, exercise, and leading healthier lifestyles. This is a great way for students who are interested in public health, pediatrics, community involvement, or research to become more involved with the Department of Pediatrics at UCI. We work closely alongside the faculty and staff of the department, as well as pediatricians, medical residents and students, and leading researchers. It's also a great opportunity to grow your skills as an effective communicator and to better understand how to break down barriers for underserved and underrepresented communities to access information about how to improve their health! If you have any questions about the application process or about the program in general, please reach out to us at [uciperuop@gmail.com](mailto:uciperuop@gmail.com)! We accept applications from all majors.

The Google Forms application is open October 13th, and will be due October 27th at 11:59pm. It is linked [here](#).





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## 6. Transfers in Bio Sci (TBS) Presents: Physician Assistant Panel - Oct. 20

This session will feature Behr Oftadeh, an Interventional Radiology PA.

Direct Zoom meeting link: <https://uci.zoom.us/j/98101437502>

*Come Join Us!*


Week 3 GM

*Physician's Assistant Panel*  
*Friday, October 20th*

*Online @7:30 - 8:30 pm*

*Come learn more about the path to becoming an  
interventional Radiology PA!*

*Zoom Registration:*



TBS Transfers in BioSci.

## 7. Language Diversity Study Seeking Participants



## Language Diversity Study

### Can you speak African American English OR Spanish?

If you:

- **Grew up speaking:**

- African American English,
- Black English, or
- Spanish or Spanish English

AND

- Have normal hearing & vision (glasses OK)
- No language or reading impairment

We're looking for adults (18+) to participate in a research study for \$20/hr. (total of \$80)

The study involves:

- If eligible, two 2-hr. visits to Social Sciences (SST#120B) or the Center for Hearing Research at the University of California, Irvine
- Total of 4 hours over 2 days
- Brain wave measurements
- Eye-tracking recording
- Language and reading tasks in English

This research is conducted by Sibylla Leon Guerrero at the School of Education, UCI

For more information:

(617) 902-0405 (text or call)

[sleongue@uci.edu](mailto:sleongue@uci.edu)



UCI IRB#1493 NEW Approved 09-14-2023

## 8. Upcoming Pre-Health Workshops



PRESENTED BY JENN MAITLAND  
ACADEMIC COUNSELOR, PRE-HEALTH ADVISOR  
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

# PREPARING FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONS

INTERESTED IN APPLYING TO A HEALTH  
PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL AND AREN'T SURE  
WHERE TO START?

**FALL 2023 DATES:**

- IN PERSON (NS1-3116): OCTOBER 16TH, 2 P.M. – 3 P.M.
- ZOOM: OCTOBER 17, 11 A.M. -12 P.M.
- ZOOM: NOVEMBER 14, 10 A.M. – 11 A.M.
- IN PERSON (NS1-3116): NOVEMBER 15TH, 3 P.M. – 4 P.M.
- ZOOM: DECEMBER 4, 1 P.M. – 2 P.M.
- ZOOM: DECEMBER 5, 10 A.M. – 11 A.M.

REGISTRATION: [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/UCIPREHEALTHWRKSHP](https://tinyurl.com/UCIPREHEALTHWRKSHP)  
THIS WORKSHOP IS OPEN TO ALL UCI STUDENTS



## 9. Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science Recruitment Week - Nov. 2



Office of Strategic Student Recruitment and Outreach  
Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science

#### MAYO CLINIC COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AND SCIENCE RECRUITMENT WEEK



## Innovative Education

Are you interested in pursuing a degree in medicine or Ph.D. in biomedical sciences?

Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science will be on campus to showcase the many educational opportunities, including medical school and doctorate programs, that we offer. Information will be available about Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine and Mayo Clinic Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences.

Make plans to stop by and learn more about our unique funding models, emphasis on translational science, and how we continuously improve patient care through research, education, and medical advances. You will also hear from our recruiters to get an idea of what you will need to prepare for post-graduate opportunities!

**DATE** Thursday, November 2, 2023

**TIME** 5pm to 6pm

**LOCATION** Division of Career Pathways (DCP) Training Room

DCP is located directly across from the Student Center Starbucks

**MORE INFORMATION**  
[college.mayo.edu](https://college.mayo.edu)



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## 10. Spring 2024: California Ecology and Conservation Field Course - Apply by Oct. 25



# California Ecology and CONSERVATION

NRS BIOL/ENVS 188 19 units

## CREDIT ALLOCATIONS

### Biological Science Major

Fulfills E166L Field Methods and two upper-division biology electives

### Earth System Science Major

Fulfills EarthSS 114 Field Methods and two upper-division electives  
(in HTE specialization if needed)

### Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Major

Fulfills E166L Field Methods and two upper-division biology electives

### Environmental Science and Policy Major

Under section C, this fulfills one upper-division ESS elective and two of the three upper-division electives for the major. Students would still need to complete one ESS course, two UPPP courses, and one additional elective under section C.

## 2024 SCHEDULE

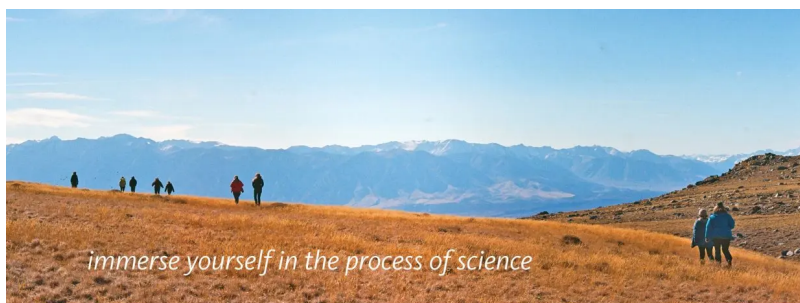
	Spring	Summer	Fall
Applications open	Aug. 15, 2023	Nov. 1, 2023	Feb. 15, 2024
Applications due	Oct. 25, 2023	Feb. 10, 2024	Apr. 25, 2024
Instruction begins	April 1, 2024	Jun. 24, 2024	Sept. 26, 2024
Instruction ends	May 20, 2024	Aug. 12, 2023	Nov. 14, 2024

information for  
**UC IRVINE**  
students

RENSIE RICHOLDS

 **Natural Reserve System**  
CALIFORNIA ECOLOGY & CONSERVATION  
[ucnrs.org/teaching/cec](https://ucnrs.org/teaching/cec)





## CALIFORNIA ECOLOGY AND CONSERVATION

### NRS BIOL/ENVS 188 & 189

#### ACTIVITIES

Explore California—spend 7 weeks at UC Natural Reserves  
Design your own scientific studies  
Learn field research and data analysis methods  
Improve your scientific writing and public speaking  
Receive personalized mentoring from instructors

#### DETAILS

Open to undergraduates from all 9 general UC campuses  
Maximum of 27 students  
Fall and spring: 19 quarter/15 semester units  
Summer: 19 quarter/12.7 semester units

#### LEARN MORE AND APPLY

[ucnrs.org/teaching/cec/](https://ucnrs.org/teaching/cec/)



PHOTOS: JUSTIN JAMES, LORENA WANG

## 11. Trinity School of Medicine (Caribbean Medical School) Info Session and One-On-One Advising - Oct. 26

Are you interested in learning more about Caribbean medical education? A representative from Trinity School of Medicine will be available to meet with UCI students in the coming weeks. Please sign up for an info session as well as a one-on-one appointment.

Information session (via Zoom) 10AM-11AM

[https://d5w000006h0q7eai.my.salesforce-sites.com/events/targetX\\_eventsb\\_events#/esr?eid=a1G6Q00000Y7ZT1UAN](https://d5w000006h0q7eai.my.salesforce-sites.com/events/targetX_eventsb_events#/esr?eid=a1G6Q00000Y7ZT1UAN)

One-on-One Appointments via Zoom: 11AM-12PM


[https://d5w000006h0q7eai.my.salesforce-sites.com/events/targetX\\_eventsb\\_events#/esr?eid=a1G6Q00000Y7ZT6UAN](https://d5w000006h0q7eai.my.salesforce-sites.com/events/targetX_eventsb_events#/esr?eid=a1G6Q00000Y7ZT6UAN)

One-on-One Appointments via Zoom: 1PM-3:30PM

[https://d5w000006h0q7eai.my.salesforce-sites.com/events/targetX\\_eventsb\\_events#/esr?eid=a1G6Q00000Y7ZTBUA3](https://d5w000006h0q7eai.my.salesforce-sites.com/events/targetX_eventsb_events#/esr?eid=a1G6Q00000Y7ZTBUA3)


The Admissions representative will contact you with an exact meeting time upon sign-up.

## 12. Orange County Science and Engineering Fair - CalTeach Mentor Program



**OCSEF**  
Mentor Match Program

"Participating in my First Orange County Science and Engineering Fair will forever be one of my dearest and most treasured memories. Not only did this event mark the beginning of my scientific journey/career but it allowed me to expand on my realm of knowledge, and it helped me grow not only as a student but as a scientist, researcher and fellow colleague. -Jasmine, OCSEF Participant




**Benefits for UCI Students as Mentors...**

- Play a role in **increasing equity and diversity** in the **STEM field!**
- three 2.5 hour PDs - **FREE**
- **FREE electronic resources** to support student research design that you can use when YOU start teaching!
- **connect** with a **Veteran Science Fair Teacher** who will provide **bi-monthly support**
- **honorarium \$\$** for participation in the program + mileage to field site!
- learn **current research methods** aligned with **NGSS**
- Great **RESUME** builder!
- **SIGN UP TODAY!!! FIRST PD THIS SATURDAY!**

**Benefits for Middle and High School Students...**

- Learning and participating in **authentic research methods**
- Weekly **support** by speaking with **local scientists and engineers** that can assist with projects
- **Paid entry to OCSEF!!!**
- Support with materials and supplies
- A great way to help students **build their resume** for college!

**To sign up or for more details, scan here!**



**OCSEF CalTeach Mentor Match**  
**Increasing Equity and Diversity in STEM!!!**

## 13. Helpful Links

BioSci Academic Advisor Directory

BioSci Chat

UCI Appointments

Bio Sci Peer Tutoring

Gen Chem Peer Tutoring

Organic Chemistry Peer Tutoring

Math Tutoring

Physics Tutoring

LARC

UCI Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships

Fresh Basic Needs

Counseling Center

Wellness Center

UCI Disability Services Center