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1. Mentorship Program to Help Students Navigate Undergraduate 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: rouciteam@uci.edu
To learn more about our club, visit our website and Instagram (@researchoutreachuci)

2. Upcoming Pre-Health Workshops
   - Zoom: November 14th, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
   - In person (NS1-3116): November 15th, 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.
   - Zoom: December 4th, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
   - Zoom: December 5th, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Register for a pre-health workshop here.
3. Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science Recruitment Week - Nov. 2
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 graduate programs, that we offer. Information will be available about Mayo Clinic Alle 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

4. Spring 2024: California Ecology and Conservation Field Course
- Apply by Oct. 25
California Ecology and Conservation
NRS BIOL/ENVS 188 10 units

CREDIT ALLOCATIONS

Biological Science Major
Field Labs: EEB 168A, Field Methods and two upper division biology electives

Earth System Science Major
Field Labs: ENVS 134, Field Methods and two upper division electives for ETS and an additional EEB electives

Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Major
Field Labs: EEB 168A, Field Methods and two upper division biology electives

Environmental Science and Policy Major
Undergraduate C, this fulfill 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 EUPP courses, and one additional elective under section C.

2024 SCHEDULE

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Information for UC Irvine students
Natural Reserve System
ucrns.org/teaching/locus
5. Excellence in Research Workshops - Nov. 8 & 14

Are you interested in participating in the 2023-2024 Excellence in Research Program?

Students interested in participating in the 2023-2024 Excellence in Research Program are required to attend a mandatory informational workshop in November per the schedule below. **Students must attend one workshop.** Additional workshops will not be scheduled so please attend if you have an interest in participating in the program. Workshops last approximately 1.5 hours. Please arrive on time and stay for the entire workshop to receive credit for attending. Sign up for a workshop via the Google Workshop RSVP Form.

**Excellence in Research Workshops -**
**Wednesday, November 8, 11:00 am – 12:20 pm, ICS 174**
**Tuesday, November 14, 3:30 – 4:50 pm, RH 101**

Visit the Excellence in Research website for Eligibility, RSVP Form and Excellence in Research Packet... [https://excellence.bio.uci.edu/](https://excellence.bio.uci.edu/)

Questions? Contact Susan Schafer, BSSA, slschafe@uci.edu
6. 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=a1G6Q000000Y7Z1UAN

One-on-One Appointments via Zoom: 11AM-12PM
https://d5w000006h0q7eai.my.salesforce-sites.com/events/targetX_eventsb__events#/esr?eid=a1G6Q000000Y7ZT6UAN

One-on-One Appointments via Zoom: 1PM-3:30PM
https://d5w000006h0q7eai.my.salesforce-sites.com/events/targetX_eventsb__events#/esr?eid=a1G6Q000000Y7ZT8UA3

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

7. Study Abroad Workshop for Bio Sci Majors - Oct. 25

Want to Study Abroad but don't know where to start?

Please join us for a workshop for Bio Sci majors to go over the process of selecting a program, best timelines, programs to consider, and to hear experiences from Bio Sci students who have participated in Study Abroad/UCEAP! Presented by: Joanna Bradshaw, Academic Advisor.

Please RSVP with this link here for a Workshop below. There is a remote and in-person option:

- In-person: Wed, Oct 25th, 2PM @ Nat Sci II 4201
Dear Anteaters,

SOP is thrilled to announce that our Explorer’s 11 advising cycle is open! Please submit the Pre-Application(s) for the categories you wish to pursue:

1. Research Awards (due October 23rd at 12 pm)
2. Post-Graduate Internships (due October 23rd at 12 pm)
3. Service & Leadership Awards (due November 6th at 12 pm)

The Scholarship Opportunities Program recommends that you complete the required SOP-PREP before submitting the Pre-Application. SOP-PREP is a short personal development course that will prepare you to become a competitive Pre-Applicant for one or more of our 21 external merit scholarship and internship awards. Upon completion of SOP-PREP, you will have a personalized advising consultation with a Student Advisor to discuss your next steps and you will not need to complete it again in the future!
9. 2024 Stella Zhang New Venture Competition

Attention!

Kickoff season is among us and we would like to ask you a few questions:

1. Do you have those idea sketches from years ago that were never picked up again?
2. Do you have interests in working with others to bring your creative ideas to life?
3. Have you ever thought about the idea of starting a small business or launching a startup?

If you answered YES to any of those questions, we would love to have you check out the 2024 UCI Stella Zhang New Venture Competition (SZNVC)! The competition is open to ALL UCI students (regardless of major), staff members, and researchers as well as community members. Teams compete for $100,000 in cash prizes plus additional professional services!

Now, if you feel intimidated by this idea, don’t be! We have a large team of mentors and coaches along with workshops to guide you through each step of the way!

Competitors will be connected with potential teammates, provided a variety of tools and resources to bring your ideas to life, and will also have the opportunity to connect with mentors in the industry to help bring their ideas from paper to life!

Our goal is to have a successful kickoff which will be on NOVEMBER 1ST, 2023 at 5:30 PM at the MERAGE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM.

Key Info:

- **Official Website**: https://merage.uci.edu/nvc
- **Official RSVP**: https://na.eventscloud.com/sznvc24kickoff
- **Call for Coaches/Judges**: https://forms.gle/nKG7ocnkvVq6HKn6

10. 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