



Info Session Fact Sheet

Benefits

- Mentored Research Experience
- Grad School and PhD Application Support
- Professional Development – Learning Communities, Workshops, Courses
- Monthly Stipend or Hourly Salary
- Financed Conference Travel & Presentation Opportunities
- Partial Tuition Coverage (Not available for all programs)
- Priority Registration
- Research Supplies Funding

Eligibility

- US citizen or permanent legal US resident
- CSULB Undergraduate Student during entire time with the program
- Colleges of: Engineering, Health and Human Services, Liberal Arts, or Natural Sciences & Mathematics
- Students interested in a career and a PhD in health-related research
- You must be available during the summer to start your research training
- **Current Freshmen** or students with 3 years before graduation as of June 2020 can apply to UROP
- **Current Sophomores** or students with 2 years before graduation as of June 2020 can apply to the BUILD, MARC & RISE Upper Division programs. No experience required.
- **Current Juniors** or students with 1 year before graduation as of June 2020 can apply to the BUILD Fellows program. You already need to have research experience to apply. If you do not, you can join the research team of a BUILD mentor by the start of the Spring 2020 semester to qualify as having one full semester of research experience before you start the program in June.
- **Current Seniors** or students with under a full year remaining as of June 2020 can gain research experience as an unpaid research assistant and receive free grad school application support from the GRSC on the 5th floor of the library

CSULB Research Mentor Directory

- www.csulb.edu/BUILDMentors
- Any CSULB professor doing health-related research is eligible to become a mentor

Applications

- BUILD, MARC & RISE joint Upper Division and BUILD Fellows Applications are due: **March 6, 2020**
- Both Applications are available at: web.csulb.edu/build/apply
- UROP Application: web.csulb.edu/divisions/aa/research/students/urop/
 - Deadline is Summer 2020
- **BUILD, MARC & RISE Application Check List**
 - Expected Graduation Date Form (Signed by counselor)
 - Not required for transfers who have not yet attended CSULB

- College Transcripts & Degree Planner (Available at MyCSULB Account)
- Financial Aid Award Letter (Available at MyCSULB Account)
- Personal Statement & Research Interest Statement
 - 500-1000 words
- Faculty Recommendations
 - 2 Letters (at least one should come from a CSULB Professor unless you are a transfer student not yet attending CSULB)
 - Instructions for Letter submission are on the application.
- Find Your Mentor
 - If you indicate RISE as your preferred program, you will need to obtain a letter of recommendation from your selected mentor endorsing your application and accepting you into their lab.
 - BUILD and MARC do not require a mentor letter but highly recommend that you speak with prospective mentors to see if they would be a good fit.

Programs & Application Support

- Application Support: Nicole.Streicker@csulb.edu
- BUILD Questions: BUILD.students@csulb.edu
- MARC U*STAR Questions: Cynthia.Alarcon@csulb.edu
- RISE Questions: RISE.undergrad@csulb.edu
- Info Session Video: web.csulb.edu/BUILDInfoSessions
- UROP Questions: UROP@csulb.edu

Other Research Training Opportunities

- **CSULB Paid Research Programs:** www.bit.ly/49erresearch
- **Volunteer Faculty Directed Research**
 - Search on your Dept. website or www.csulb.edu/BUILDMentors
- **LS-AMP** – Research Experience in STEM, Seniors accepted
 - web.csulb.edu/colleges/cnsm/sas/lsamp/
- **McNair Scholars** – Research Experience for a PhD
 - web.csulb.edu/divisions/students/mcnair/
- **Graduate School Prep**
 - GSRC – CSULB Graduate Studies Resource Center (5th Floor of Library)
 - CDC – CSULB Career Development Center (Brotman Hall 250)

Research Curriculum Courses

- **Interdisciplinary Approaches to Health Disparities (RSCH-207) [GE]**
 - *General Education Social Sciences & Citizenship (D.2)*
 - Exploring how research disciplines address health disparities.
- **Intro to Biomedical (A) / Behavioral (B) Research Methods (RSCH-296)**
 - Introduction to the basic principles and analysis of research
- **Scientific Research Communication (RSCH-361) [GE]**
 - *General Education Upper Division Capstone Cat. F Writing Intensive*
 - Research literature, Writing reports, Data Collection / Archiving, Ethics
- **Advanced Biomed. (A) / Behav. (B) Research Methods (RSCH-496) [GE]**
 - *General Education Capstone Cat. F Advanced Skills*
 - Research project design, advanced data analysis, grant writing