RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

PEERS students are encouraged to engage in undergraduate research. The PEERS staff assists you in identifying appropriate faculty mentors and obtaining financial support for research during the academic year and summer. By sophomore year many PEERS students find a mentor and a lab to participate in.

Following PEERS, many PEERS alumni participate in prestigious undergraduate research programs, such as Maximizing Access to Research Careers (MARC), UC LEADS, and MSD Scholars. Many PEERS alumni are now in top graduate and professional schools across the country! In addition, the Undergraduate Research Center-Sciences offers programs that aid students in achieving academic and research success. PEERS students have access to these opportunities as well.

STUDENT R ESEAR CH PRO GRAM

Earn research credit by enrolling in SRP (Honors 99) during the academic year or summer.

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (BISEP)

A 6-week summer program for freshmen. Students receive lab training and scientific writing workshops and give an oral presentation on a human genetic disease.

<u>CAR E FELLOWS A N D SCHO LAR S</u>

Provides financial support (\$875-\$1,500 per quarter) for working 10-12 hours per week in a research lab. Applications are available every quarter.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWS

Apply in the fall for a \$2,000 award to do research in the winter and spring quarters

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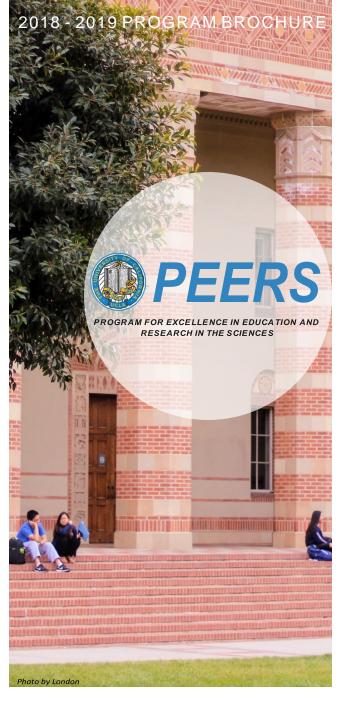
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http://ugresearchsci.ucla.edu/progpeers.htm



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WHAT IS PEERS?

Congratulations on your acceptance into PEERS! PEERS is a 2-year program for outstanding students, like you, who are committed to academic excellence and want to pursue careers in the life or physical sciences.

PEERS faculty and staff work with you to develop a strong foundation in the sciences so that you are positioned to achieve your educational, personal, and career goals. PEERS will expand your horizons considerably during your first two years at UCLA, helping you navigate the campus and explore the

diversity of science career options.



WHATCANPEERSDOFORYOU?

By participating in PEERS and taking advantage of the opportunities we offer, you will be exceptionally successful as a science major. Specifically, students in PEERS:

- Earn higher grades in their core Math, Physics and Chemistry courses; Maintain
- higher overall grade point averages;
 Engage more in undergraduate research;
- Graduate faster; Become a part of an
- · exclusive, diverse, and supportive learning
- community.



PEERS COUNSELING

PEERS provides unique access to holistic academic advising that is personalized and tailored to your individual goals. As a participant you will be assigned a counselor that you are required to meet with each quarter. You can meet with you PEERS counselor to talk about any of the following topics:

- · Course planning;
- Enrollment;
- · Changing majors;
- Adding/droppingcourses;
- Personal and career development;
- Campus resources;
- Researchandfellowshipopportunities;
- Social and academic life.

PEERSRESEARCHEVENTS

Through PEERS you will receive unparalleled exclusive access and insight into the UCLA research community. Each quarter PEERS students attend:

- Researchtalks by leading UCLA scientists;
- Information sessions on scholarship and fellowship opportunities;
- Poster sessions;
- Networking events.

PEERS SEMINARS

PEERS offers two exclusive and mandatory seminar courses each Fall quarter. The PEERS Freshman Seminar is designed to help you transition to the rigorous UCLA academic environment and introduces you to various campus resources. The Sophomore Seminar exposes you to careers in science, prepares you to join a research lab, and helps you identify programs that will fund you to do research!

COLLABORATIVE LEARNING WORKSHOPS

Workshops are an integral component of PEERS. Each

workshop meets twice per week and is led by an advanced graduate student who guides you through the learning process. PEERS workshops are:

- Supportive learning environments;
- Low stress;
- One-unit, pass/no pass.



ACADEMIC ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM (AAP)

As a PEERS student you will be automatically enrolled in AAP. Through AAP you will have access to additional academic advising, peer learning (tutoring), and other resources to promote academic excellence. Please visit aap.ucla.edu for more details.