

CNAS PERSIST Program Application

(Promoting Engagement, Retention and Success in STEM Training)

Due: Before 4:00 pm on Friday, May 26, 2017

Turn in location: 1223 Pierce Hall

(Please take a number to submit application.)

We are pleased to announce this call for applications for the 2017-2018 CNAS PERSIST Program for Sophomores. The PERSIST Program is a specially designed program to encourage sophomore students to participate in research, receive peer mentor guidance, and interact with STEM faculty. Part of the program includes participation in the Research in Science and Engineering (RISE) Program. RISE is a 10-week Summer research program designed to prepare participants for graduate and professional study by providing valuable research experiences, training, seminars and multiple workshops aimed at better preparing scientists.

If you are currently a part of the CNAS Freshman Scholars Learning Community (FSLC), took MATH 5 or MATH 6A in the fall, and you wish to engage in a year long program focused on research, you should apply now.

Benefits of participating:

- Professional and personal development workshops and programs throughout the year
- Scholarly mentorship from a CNAS PERSIST Peer Mentor
- Participation in a research seminar
- Guidance and mentorship through a research program from your choice of dynamic CNAS faculty for RISE
- Stipend Amount:

Fall
\$1,500

Winter
\$1,500

Spring
\$1,500

Summer
\$5,000

(+\$500 for your faculty mentor)

If you are selected for one of these prestigious PERSIST Sophomore Research Stipends, you will need to consider:

- 1) **Duration:** Required participation is Fall 2017, Winter 2018, Spring, 2018, and Summer 2018.
- 2) **Fall:** Enrollment in NASC092 Seminar in the Natural and Agricultural Sciences (1 unit) seminar. Seminar, 10-15 hours per quarter. *Prerequisite(s): freshman standing, sophomores may enroll on a space-available basis with consent of instructor. Introduction to one of the many areas of study explored by the faculty of natural and agricultural sciences in a small-group, highly interactive format. Graded Satisfactory (S)*

or No Credit (NC). Participate in the PERSIST Orientation in the fall. Biweekly meetings with your assigned CNAS PERSIST Peer Mentor.

- 3) **Winter:** Participate in the one-day ESCAPE Career Workshop. Participate in a Keck Graduate Institute one-day workshop. Biweekly meetings with your assigned CNAS PERSIST Peer Mentor.
- 4) **Spring:** Preparation for participation in RISE 2018. Once you identify your faculty mentor, they will assist you in finding a research topic. Please make sure to include a Letter of Recommendation from the faculty member (who will mentor you through research this summer) in your application packet along with a proposal describing your agreed-upon research project. Biweekly meetings with your assigned CNAS PERSIST Peer Mentor.
- 5) **Summer:** Participate in RISE 2018. Biweekly with your assigned CNAS PERSIST Peer Mentor.
- 6) **Working is not possible.** Due to the time commitment required with PERSIST programming, there will be no extra time for part time jobs. If you chose to obtain a job while in the PERSIST program, you risk losing your funding for the remainder of the year.
- 7) **Summer school is not possible.** Due to the 40 hours/week that students will be required to work during the 10-week RISE program, students will not have time in their schedule to participate in summer courses. If you choose to enroll in summer courses while in the RISE program, you risk losing your spot in the program. Please do not apply if you foresee the need to enroll in courses during Summer 2018.
- 8) If you participate in RISE 2017, you will not be eligible for the PERSIST program.

Please turn in your application to:

CNAS Undergraduate Academic Advising Center

ATTN: CNAS Scholars, 1223 Pierce Hall

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Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ SID: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

_____ *City State ZIP Code*

Phone: _____ UCR Email: _____

Academic Information

Current Major as of 17S: _____

Quarter Units Completed: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Are you enrolled in BIOL020: Yes No

Program Stipulations

Please initial next to each statement below:

- I agree to participate in the program for the Fall 2017 - Summer 2018.
- I agree to meet with an assigned Peer Mentor throughout the 2017-2018 year.
- I will not work while in the PERSIST program and understand that I will forfeit my spot if I work.
- It will be my responsibility to find a faculty mentor for the RISE 2018 program.
- I will not enroll in courses during Summer 2018 and understand that I will forfeit my spot if I do.

Signature & Date

I certify that my above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____