



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES

MORE PROGRAMS

RISE MS-TO-PHD GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

MINORITY BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH SUPPORT-RESEARCH INITIATIVE FOR SCIENTIFIC ENHANCEMENT
 MASTERS PROGRAMS IN COLLABORATION WITH UCLA, UC SAN DIEGO, UC IRVINE, THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, AND OTHERS.

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A. NAME: _____ E-MAIL: _____

B. SOCIAL SECURITY #: _____ CIN #: _____

C. ADDRESS: _____

D. CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

E. TELEPHONE: _____ DATE OF APPLICATION: _____

F. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

G. U.S. CITIZEN: (CIRCLE ONE) YES NO IF NO, GIVE COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP: _____

H. PERMANENT RESIDENT (GIVE VISA SYMBOL AND NUMBER): _____

I. ETHNICITY: (CHECK ONE)

- AFRICAN AMERICAN/BLACK HISPANIC/CHICANO(A)/LATINO(A) CAUCASIAN/WHITE
- NATIVE HAWAIIAN, SAMOAN, GUAMANIAN AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE; TRIBE _____
- FILIPINO(A) OTHER ASIAN (IDENTIFY) -----OR ; OTHER (IDENTIFY) _____

J. PERSON TO CONTACT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY _____

K. ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

L. RELATIONSHIP _____ TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL _____

II. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND CAREER GOALS

A. HIGH SCHOOL, LOCATION, AND YEAR OF GRADUATION: _____

B. UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY _____

MAJOR _____ DATE OF GRADUATION _____

C. OVERALL GRADE POINT AVERAGE (A=4.0, B=3.0, ETC.): _____

D. GRADE POINT AVERAGE IN SCIENCE/MATH/ENG. COURSES: _____

E. CHECK MAJOR OF PROPOSED CAL STATE LA M.S. DEGREE : CHEMISTRY; BIOCHEMISTRY; PHYSICS
 GEOLOGY; MATHEMATICS; COMPUTER SCIENCE; ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE;
 ENGINEERING (AREA _____); BIOLOGY; MICROBIOLOGY
 INTERDISCIPLINARY MS (FIELDS _____); OTHER _____

F. DATE YOU EXPECT TO COMPLETE CAL STATE LA MS PROGRAM _____

E. IDENTIFY YOUR HIGHEST PLANNED EDUCATIONAL LEVEL: MS; PHD; POST DOCTORAL
 OTHER (SPECIFY) _____

III. PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION:

- TRANSCRIPTS OF ALL YOUR COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY WORK. IF YOU ARE A CAL STATE LA STUDENT, SEND ONLY TRANSCRIPTS FROM WORK AT OTHER COLLEGES. WE WILL OBTAIN YOUR CAL STATE LA TRANSCRIPTS DIRECTLY FROM THE REGISTRAR.
- ATTACH OR ARRANGE TO HAVE A COPY OF YOUR GRADUATE RECORD EXAM (GRE) GENERAL TEST SCORES SENT TO THE MORE PROGRAMS OFFICE. WE USE THE GRE AS AN INDICATOR OF YOUR INTEREST IN PURSUING THE PHD. NO PARTICULAR SCORE IS REQUIRED. THE GRE MAY BE TAKEN AFTER THE APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED, BUT BEFORE AN INTERVIEW IS GRANTED.
- A CURRENT *CURRICULUM VITAE*/RESUME. IF PERTINENT, INCLUDE ANY ACADEMIC (OR OTHER) HONORS RECEIVED, RESEARCH EXPERIENCE, AND PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS THAT RESULTED FROM THAT WORK.
- ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES, PROVIDING A RESPONSE TO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING. THE PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL USE YOUR RESPONSES TO ASSESS YOUR INTEREST IN PURSUING A RESEARCH CAREER, AND ALSO YOUR ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE THROUGH WRITING.
 - PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE YOU HAVE IN RESEARCH OR RELATED AREAS.
 - THESE PROGRAMS PREPARE STUDENTS FOR ENTRY AND SUCCESS IN PHD PROGRAMS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MS/MA PROGRAM COMPLETION. HOW CONGRUENT IS THIS WITH YOUR EDUCATIONAL GOALS?
 - COMMENT ON YOUR EDUCATIONAL PLANS AFTER YOU COMPLETE THE MS AT CAL STATE LA.
 - DISCUSS YOUR CAREER PLANS AFTER YOU COMPLETE YOUR FORMAL EDUCATION, PARTICULARLY HOW SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH FITS INTO THESE PLANS.
 - IF THERE IS A DISCREPANCY BETWEEN YOUR GRADES IN ACADEMIC COURSEWORK AND YOUR POTENTIAL, PLEASE EXPLAIN. IT IS EXPECTED THAT YOU WILL COMPLETE THE MS DEGREE WITH A 3.5 GPA OR HIGHER.
 - EXPLAIN HOW YOUR SELECTION AS A RISE, PREP OR LSAMP-BD SCHOLAR WILL ENHANCE MINORITY PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH CAREERS.
- ARRANGE TO HAVE AT LEAST THREE LETTERS OF REFERENCE WRITTEN ON YOUR BEHALF BY SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, COMPUTER SCIENCE, OR MATHEMATICS FACULTY MEMBERS (AND LIST THESE BELOW). *IF YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED IN LABORATORY RESEARCH, ONE OF THE LETTERS WOULD LIKELY BE FROM YOUR RESEARCH DIRECTOR.* THE LETTERS SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO YOU IN SEALED ENVELOPES (SIGNED ACROSS THE SEAL) AND INCLUDED WITH THE APPLICATION PACKET. IF THE FACULTY RESPONDENTS PREFER, THEY CAN SEND THE LETTERS DIRECTLY TO THE MORE PROGRAMS OFFICE.

REFeree NAME	INSTITUTION	EMAIL (OR PHONE NUMBER)

YOU MUST BE A US CITIZEN OR PERMANENT RESIDENT. IF YOU ARE A PERMANENT RESIDENT ATTACH A NOTARIZED COPY (BOTH SIDES) OF YOUR ALIEN REGISTRATION (“GREEN”) CARD.

IV. AUTHORIZATION TO USE RECORDS

I HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE MORE PROGRAMS PERSONNEL TO HAVE ACCESS TO MY UNIVERSITY RECORDS FOR PURPOSES OF ADMISSION TO AND CONTINUATION IN ANY OF THE CAL STATE LA MORE PROGRAMS. ALL INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT IN STRICT CONFIDENCE.

MY FILE CONTAINS ANY AND/OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- A. COPIES OF MY TRANSCRIPTS OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY WORK
- B. PERSONAL INFORMATION FROM THIS APPLICATION
- C. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
- D. OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED TO MY ADMISSION OR CONTINUATION IN THE PROGRAM.

TO REVOKE THIS AUTHORIZATION, I MUST DO SO IN WRITING, AND SUCH REVOCATION WILL APPLY AS OF THE RECEIPT DATE.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN UNTIL YOUR APPLICATION COMPLETE.

THIS APPLICATION IS FOR A RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP ONLY. IF YOU ARE NOT YET A CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES STUDENT, YOU MUST ALSO BE ACCEPTED FOR ADMISSION BY THE UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO PARTICIPATION. BELOW IS THE WEB SITE WHERE YOU CAN APPLY TO THE UNIVERSITY.

UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS: WWW.CALSTATELA.EDU/UNIV/ADMISS/APPREQ.HTM

PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM TO:

**MORE PROGRAMS OFFICE
PHYSICAL SCIENCES 510
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES
5151 STATE UNIVERSITY DRIVE
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90032-8202**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CALL:

323-343-2395

EMAIL:

morepro@calstatela.edu

VISIT THE MORE PROGRAMS WEBSITE:

www.calstatela.edu/moreprograms

AND ITS LSAMP-BD PAGE

www.calstatela.edu/moreprograms/lsamp.html

FACULTY RECOMMENDATION FORM

_____ has applied for a graduate research fellowship through the NIH RISE MS-to-PhD Program at California State University, Los Angeles and has listed you as a reference.

Please return the completed form to the student in a sealed envelope (signed across the seal) or if you prefer, directly to the **MORE Programs Office, Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry, California State University, Los Angeles, CA 90032-8202.**

1. In the table below, give us your assessment of the applicant's achievements and potential by checking the appropriate box for each category:

	Outstanding (top 5%)	Excellent (top 10%)	Good (top 20%)	Average (top 50%)	Below Average	No opportunity to observe
Motivation for a research career						
Academic preparation						
Analytical skills						
Probable creativity						
Potential for laboratory research						
Skills in written communication						
Skills in oral communication						
Perseverance to attain goals						

2. In the space provided below (or on a separate page, if you prefer) please comment on the candidate's potential for success in a research career in the sciences, mathematics, or engineering

Name _____ Title _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Institution _____

Email _____ Telephone number _____

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