



**Homeland
Security**

**Department of Homeland Security
BioSecurity Scholarships**

BioSecurity Research and Education Programs at Cal State L.A.

Application Deadline: Applications accepted on an ongoing basis for unfilled positions

Scholarship Information:

- Total Number of Scholarships: 6 (for three years)
- Program Dates: May 1, 2009 – April 30, 2012
- For undergraduate students only
- Stipend: \$9,000 annually or \$750 per month (potentially renewable)
- Commitment: Minimum one year program participation
- Partial tuition reimbursement depending on availability of funds
- Travel: Limited support for traveling to national conferences
- Summer internships: each student will have an opportunity to intern at Los Alamos National Laboratory

Eligibility:

- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Currently full-time students at Cal State LA majoring in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) fields, or full-time students at a community college or high school (senior) who intend to apply for admission at Cal State LA.
- Demonstrated interest (through essays and/or course selection) to pursue a career in homeland security related sciences or engineering fields.

Application Checklist:

- Completed application form (this document)
- One-page statement of purpose (research interests and career objectives)
- Transcripts (unofficial at time of application; official at time of interview)
- Three letters of recommendation have been requested

Send or deliver completed application to:

Dr. Howard Xu, Assistant Professor of Microbiology
Director of Cal State L.A. BioSecurity Programs
Department of Biological Sciences, BS-143
California State University Los Angeles
5151 State University Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90032

Letters of recommendation may be sent electronically to Dr. Xu at hxu3@calstatela.edu, or mailed directly to Dr. Xu at the mailing address above. If you have any questions, please email Dr. Xu, using Subject heading of “Biosecurity scholarship”

DHS BioSecurity Scholarship
APPLICATION FORM

Personal Information

Name: _____
Last First MI

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth _____
MM/DD/YYYY

Address: _____

City State Zip

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Are you a U. S. Citizen* Yes No
If "No", please provide permanent resident number _____

Gender**: _____

Ethnicity**: _____

** Only U.S. citizens or permanent residents are eligible for these scholarships*
*** We are required to track these data; you are not obligated to provide this information*

Education

Last school attended or currently attending: _____

Major/Minor: _____

Current or Highest Completed Class Standing:
 Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Other _____

Cal State L.A. CIN (if applicable): _____

Expected Graduation Date/Degree: _____
Degree Date

GPA: _____
Cumulative Major Last 90 qtr/60 semester units

Statement of Purpose

In the space below, tell us why you are interested in homeland security (particularly biological security) relevant education and research. Describe your future educational and career goals, and how this BioSecurity Scholarship will help you to attain them (please use only the space below and font size no smaller than Times New Roman 11 or Arial 10).

List the title and dates of awards, honors, scholarships, fellowships, etc.:

Previous or Current Research Experience (if applicable):

Briefly describe your research experience, including skills acquired. State the objective of your research, the approaches you used to accomplish your objective and results/conclusions you made (if any). List any publications and presentations for which you were a coauthor.

List of Recommenders:

(it is your responsibility to request letters of recommendation sent to Dr. Xu)

Reference 1. Name: _____ Title: _____
Institution: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____

Reference 2. Name: _____ Title: _____
Institution: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____

Reference 3. Name: _____ Title: _____
Institution: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____

I hereby certify that all of the information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____