



MORE Programs
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES

UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

- NIH RISE
- MARC U*STAR

This application is for RISE BS-to-PhD and MARC U* STAR fellowships. [This form should](#) be filled out, saved, combined with the other required materials into **one single PDF file**, and emailed as an attachment to the MORE programs (morepro@calstatela.edu) by **Wednesday, April 7, 2021**. Review of applications arriving after this date will continue based on availability of positions.

I. Background Information

a. Name: _____

b. CIN # (Cal State LA students only): _____ email: _____

c. Address: _____

d. City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

e. Cell Phone Number: _____ Home Phone: _____

f. Date and Place of Birth: _____

g. U.S. Citizen: (check one) YES NO If NO, give country of citizenship: _____

h. If Permanent Resident, provide visa symbol and number: _____

i. RISE and MARC are developmental programs designed to increase the number of students underrepresented in the biomedical sciences (as defined by the NSF) that complete PhD degrees. Please check all affinity groups listed below that describe you:

Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latinx; Not Hispanic or Latinx

Race: American Indian/Alaska Native; Asian; Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander;

Black or African American; White; More Than One Race;

Gender: Female; Male Non-binary

Person with disability (*must be certified by the Cal State LA Office of Students with Disabilities prior to acceptance to the program*);

Person with economically or educationally disadvantaged background. Please explain briefly:

j. Person to Contact in Case of Emergency _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Relationship: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

II. Educational Background and Career Goals

a. High School, City, and Year of Graduation: _____

b. Institution in which you are currently enrolled: _____

c. Major: _____ Expected Date of Graduation _____

d. Your Cal State LA class level in Fall 2021 (check one):

Freshman

Sophomore

Junior

Senior

d. Overall Grade point average (A=4.0, B=3.0, etc.): _____

e. Grade point average in science/math/Engineering courses: _____

f. Name your current Cal State LA BS/BA degree program (and option if applicable): _____

Please specify the proposed area of research: _____

g. Month and year you expect to complete the Cal State LA undergraduate program: _____

h. Identify all degrees and research training experiences that you plan to complete: BS/BA; MS/MA;

Ph.D.;

Postdoctoral Research;

Other (specify) _____.

III. Please attach the following to complete this application:

Transcripts of all your college and university work. Unofficial transcripts are adequate. If you are a Cal State LA student, attach unofficial Cal State LA transcripts downloaded from GET. If you are transferring, request transcripts for academic work at all institutions you have attended. and attach those.

A current, signed Academic Advisement Plan to verify your anticipated graduation date, which is strongly recommended.

A current curriculum vitae/resume. Include any academic (or other) honors received, research experience, and publications and presentations that resulted from that work.

Attach additional pages, providing a deliberate response to EACH of the following. The MORE Program Selection Committees will use your responses to assess your writing and your interest in pursuing a research career.

- Please describe any experience you have in research or related areas. What research question did you pursue; what experimental work did you do; and what do think your results mean?
- The RISE program is designed to prepare students for admission and success in PhD programs immediately following the BS/BA at Cal State LA. Please explain how these goals are consistent with your plans.
- Discuss your career plans after you complete your formal education, particularly how research in science, engineering, or mathematics fits into these plans; and why you consider the PhD as necessary for your work.
- Explain any discrepancy between your grades in academic coursework and your talents and potential. Explain how this discrepancy, if any, will be addressed. It is expected that you will complete the BS degree with a 3.3 GPA or higher in your major.
- Explain how your selection as a RISE Scholar will enhance underserved individuals in research careers.
- What will you do if you are not accepted to the RISE Program?

Arrange to have **two letters of reference** written on your behalf by science, engineering, or mathematics faculty members (and list these individuals below). If you have participated in laboratory research, one of the letters should be from your research director. These letters should be completed on the attached **Faculty Recommendation Form** and emailed to us by the writer as an attachment to: morepro@calstatela.edu.

Referee Name	Institution	Email

You must be a US citizen or Legal Permanent Resident. If you are a permanent Resident scan and attach a pdf of a NOTARIZED copy (both sides) of your Alien Registration (“green”) card.

Please be advised that no action will be taken on incomplete applications, including missing letters of reference.

IV. Signature

Electronic Signature of Applicant

Date

Please email the completed application as a single
PDF file by **Wednesday, April 7, 2021** to:
morepro@calstatela.edu

If you have any questions email us at: **morepro@calstatela.edu** For additional information visit the
MORE Programs website: **<https://www.calstatela.edu/centers/moreprograms>**.

FACULTY RECOMMENDATION FORM

_____ has applied for a research fellowship through the NIH RISE Programs at California State University, Los Angeles and has listed you as a reference. RISE develops the talents of students through solid academic and research training programs so they become competitive for admission to and success in strong PhD programs.

Information you type on this PDF form is savable. Please complete and return it from your institutional email account as attachment to: morepro@calstatela.edu. The deadline for completed applications is April 7 2021.

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 success in research						
Skills in written communication						
Skills in oral communication						
Perseverance to attain goals						
Initiative						
Likelihood to succeed in a PhD Program						

2. In the space provided below (or on a separate page) please comment on the candidate's potential for success in completing a PhD program and establishing a research career in the sciences, mathematics, or engineering. If you add an additional letter, please combine it with this form and email it as a single PDF file.

Name _____ Title _____

Electronic Signature _____ Date _____

Institution _____

Email _____ Telephone number _____