



## CSST 2011 SUMMER RESEARCH PROGRAM

July 5 – September 9, 2011

APPLICANT INFORMATION

### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Summer Research Program is a 10-week intensive research training and recruitment program. Students will conduct research on a full-time basis under the guidance of a UCLA faculty research mentor. Each student will be enrolled in 8 units of UCLA courses and participate in required CSST activities including career development seminars, networking activities, and final presentations. Through the Summer Program, students will have the opportunity to highlight their talents and be recommended for recruitment to UCLA PhD Programs.

This summer's participants will be from our 9 partner universities in China and Japan: Fudan University, Nanjing University, Nankai University, Peking University, Sichuan University, University of Science and Technology in China, Xi'an Jiao Tong University, Zhejiang University, and Waseda University.

### PURPOSE

The specific goals of the CSST Summer Research Program are to:

- Develop students' research career potential
- Foster cross-disciplinary research
- Develop a community of CSST colleagues
- Identify and recruit top students to UCLA PhD programs

### KEY PROGRAM DATES

Date/Time (to be confirmed)	Description
<b>Week 1:</b> Tuesday, July 5	Program Start: Move-In Day
<b>Week 1:</b> Wednesday, July 6	CSST Orientation
<b>Week 2:</b> Monday, July 11 – Friday, July 15	Peer Seminar: Oral Presentations of Research Plans
<b>Week 9:</b> Monday, August 29 – Friday, September 2	Peer Seminar: Oral Presentations of Research Results
<b>Week 10:</b> Tuesday, September 6	CSST Final Presentations: Poster Presentations
<b>Week 10:</b> Friday, September 9	Program End: Move-Out day

### STUDENT SELECTION

Your university will select a limited number of applicants for the January 2011 CSST interviews. **Please inquire as soon as possible with your university for application instructions.** Your university will finalize the interview roster on or before December 1, 2010.

There are many selection criteria, some of which are:

- Strong interest in UCLA PhD career
- Interest in interdisciplinary study
- Outstanding academic achievement
- For Chinese students: Willingness to accept China Scholarship Council (CSC) scholarship for graduate school. <http://www.csc.edu.cn>.



- Previous research experience
- High English proficiency

### **PROGRAM EXPENSE**

The **estimated** total program expense of \$11,680.00 is shared by UCLA, the partner university, and the student's family. Expenses for Summer 2011 will be **confirmed after January 1, 2011**.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
CSST Program Fee	\$5,334.00 (CSST fellowship)
Training & Research Expenses	\$1,030.00 (UCLA)
UCLA On-Campus Housing & Meals	\$2,945.00
Airfare	\$1,000.00
Health Insurance	\$245.00
Visa Fees (SEVIS, DCISS & J1 app.)	\$651.00
Personal Expenses	\$475.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,680.00</b>

Each student will receive a CSST fellowship covering the program fee, which includes tuition and course registration fees. In addition, all research and training costs will be covered by UCLA. Living, travel, and insurance expenses will be shared by the partner university and the student.

### **HOUSING**

Housing plays an important role in developing a community of CSST colleagues and promoting cross-disciplinary interaction among students. Each student will be assigned a bed in a triple room in UCLA campus housing. All CSST students are required to live in their assigned housing. A meal plan of 15-meals-per week is also included in the housing package.

<http://map.ais.ucla.edu/portal/site/UCLA/menuitem.789d0eb6c76e7ef0d66b02ddf848344a/?vgnextoid=2f925bce67f39010VgnVCM200000dd6643a4RCRD>.

### **ENROLLMENT**

CSST will enroll each student in 4 units of 199 independent study course with his/her UCLA faculty research mentor and 4 units of CSST Colloquium (aka Pharmacology 194) with Professor Ren Sun, CSST Director. Course grades will be based upon research performance, CSST program attendance, and personal conduct.

### **NOTES**

CSST strongly advises against inter-city travel during the 10 week program. Students should also take the GRE examination at least once before attending the Summer Research Program. Although the GRE score is not required to participate in the Summer Research Program, it will be useful for evaluating students' admissibility to UCLA PhD programs at the end of the Summer Program. Additionally, taking the exam early will allow students to retake it later if necessary.