Pre-College Programs

UC Santa Barbara invites qualified high school students to immerse themselves in credit-bearing courses and dive deep into an interdisciplinary subject while discovering new knowledge through university-level research.
Unlock your potential through a research experience

Jumpstart your higher education career by immersing in a unique interdisciplinary research experience in STEM, Humanities, and/or Social Sciences fields.

Explore new topics and special interest areas by enrolling in UC Santa Barbara courses taught by researchers who are seminal leaders in their field.

Participate in curated workshops to bolster your skills to successfully navigate the college admissions process, higher education opportunities, and your career path.

Interact with trailblazing researchers during our popular GRIT talks series and benefit from full access to UC Santa Barbara services and resources.

Hone professional and life skills, such as effective communication, study techniques, and time management, to support your continued success.

Build lasting relationships with faculty, graduate students, and like-minded peers through rigorous academics and a variety of social activities.
Push Boundaries

Choose between two transformative research programs to advance your academic goals.

**RESEARCH MENTORSHIP PROGRAM**
*June 20 – August 4, 2023*

An immersive summer program that engages students in interdisciplinary, hands-on, university-level research under the guidance of a mentor. Students participate in all stages of the academic research process by choosing a project from a curated list featuring topics in STEM, Humanities, and Social Sciences, and mastering field-specific skills.

**Program Eligibility**

- Qualified students in the 10th and 11th grades, as well as advanced 9th graders.
- Minimum 3.8 GPA (weighted, UC a–g requirements)
- Must attend program in its entirety, including the virtual component June 20–23, 2023

**SUMMER RESEARCH ACADEMIES**
*June 29 – July 28, 2023*

A dynamic summer experience that offers students the opportunity to foster a passion for research and learn about current, open-ended questions. Students choose an interdisciplinary track in STEM, Humanities, and/or Social Sciences where they build on fundamental concepts that lead them to develop a research project with the guidance of experts.

**Program Eligibility**

- Qualified students in the 9th, 10th, and 11th grades.
- Minimum 3.6 GPA (weighted, UC a–g requirements)
- Must attend program in its entirety, including the virtual component June 29–30, 2023

2023 Program applications will open on December 15, 2022

For more information about our programs, fees, and scholarship opportunities, please visit summer.ucsb.edu/precollege
“SRA allowed me to conduct college level research as a high school rising junior and connected me to a lot of like-minded peers who have similar goals to me.

—2022 SRA Alumna

“Program Voices

I loved being able to bring my own perspective to the project and take it in a unique direction and I was glad to have an interdisciplinary project with a variety of applications.

—2022 RMP Alumnus”
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