

2026

Pre-College Programs

EXPAND

your research
possibilities at
UC Santa Barbara

UC SANTA BARBARA
Summer Sessions

PUSH

Boundaries

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.

4–8

College credits earned
during the program

80+

Research experts
guiding students in
interdisciplinary research

175+

projects from a
variety of
research fields

UNLOCK

Your Potential



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



Explore exciting 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.

RESEARCH

Mentorship Program

June 15 – July 31, 2026



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

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

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

- Qualified students in the 10th and 11th grade, as well as advanced 9th graders.
- Minimum **3.80 GPA** (weighted, UC a–g requirements).
- Must attend program in its entirety, starting with the Virtual Component and ending with the closing events.

INFORMATION WEBINAR

To learn more about our program and to interact with Pre-College staff, please register for one of our webinars.
summer.ucsb.edu/precollege/webinar

SUMMER 2026 DATES & DEADLINES

Applications Open	December 15, 2025
Applications Close	March 9, 2026
Virtual Component	June 15 – June 18, 2026
Welcome Event & Move-In	June 21, 2026
Closing Events	July 29 – July 31, 2026

For more information about our program, admission, fees, and scholarship opportunities, please visit
summer.ucsb.edu/rmp

SUMMER

Research Academies

June 26 – July 24, 2026



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

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 grade.
- Minimum **3.60 GPA** (weighted, UC a–g requirements).
- Must attend program in its entirety, starting with the Academic Intensive and ending with the closing events.

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Applications Open	December 15, 2025
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Welcome Event & Move-In	June 26, 2026
Academic Intensive	June 27 - June 28, 2026
Closing Events	July 23 – July 24, 2026

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THE NEXT Generation of Researchers



“The SRA experience has truly **made me grow** as more than a student but also as a researcher and an overall person. I made so many new friends and **formed so many connections** with a variety of individuals that I will continue to carry forward with me.”

— 2025 SRA Alumna

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“RMP fueled my intellectual and social growth by providing me with an **unparalleled research opportunity**. I was able to work alongside leaders in my academic field, collaborate with peers, and build a tightly-knit community in the RMP cohort. I now have a deep appreciation for research, further motivation, and a **passion to pursue** challenging academic endeavors.”

— 2025 RMP Alumna



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