



## Summer 2025 Internship Program Agreement

Statewide California Earthquake Center

### INTERN INFORMATION

Intern Name: Vasa Neeraja  
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Current (Home) Institution: University of Utah

### INTERNSHIP INFORMATION

Mentor Name: Edric Pauk Institution: University of Southern California  
Project: From Survey to Schema: Automating Earthquake Field Data Parsing with Machine Learning  
Start Date: June 16th, 2025 End Date: August 8th, 2025

### TERMS

1. This agreement establishes requirements and expectations of participants in the **Summer 2025 SCEC Internship Program**.
2. The primary purpose of the participating intern will be to conduct research and to gain technical experience in earthquake system science.
3. The intern will be paired with a SCEC earthquake scientist(s), referred to as a *mentor*. The intern must complete all tasks and deadlines outlined by the mentor for his/her research project. All participants are expected to have the maturity and capability to work independently in an unstructured yet collaborative environment. The SCEC Intern Program Manager (Dr. Gabriela Noriega) will oversee the professional development activities.
4. The SCEC summer internship is a full time commitment. The duration of the program is 8 weeks. The start and end date of the internship, as well as the day-to-day schedule will be determined on an individual basis between the intern and mentor. Independence Day (**July 4**) is an official holiday and therefore interns are expected to be off. In addition, each intern may take one "personal" day, once approved by the mentor. A request must be sent to the mentor at least 1 week in advance of the date to be taken. All personal day requests are pending until approved by the mentor and he/she reserves the right to deny any request.
5. Excessive absences will not be tolerated and the intern may be dismissed from the SCEC SOURCES program. Upon dismissal, SCEC reserves the option to request a refund of the remainder intern award (prorated from the dismissal date) from the intern. Excessive absences will be determined by the research mentor and program manager.
6. SCEC is a research center at USC and must strictly abide by university policies. All SCEC interns are expected to understand and follow these policies, as detailed at <https://policy.usc.edu>. Violation of USC policies may lead to dismissal from the SCEC internship program.

7. As required under National Science Foundation funding, every intern **must complete** the *Responsible Conduct of Research*. Information on how to complete the course will be provided via email by the program manager.
8. The intern will complete all project requirements including evaluation activities, abstracts, exit survey, and other projects by the due dates established by the program manager and research mentor.
9. All SCEC interns will present their research at the SCEC Annual Meeting. Details on this process will be provided during the internship.
10. For his/her participation in the Summer 2025 SCEC Intern Program, the intern will receive \$700 per week for 8 weeks.

### Photo Release

11. By signing this agreement, the intern gives the Statewide California Earthquake Center (SCEC) the absolute and irrevocable right and permission with respect to photographs/video/film that SCEC has taken or will take of the intern in which the intern may be included with others:
  - a. To use, reuse, publish and republish the same, in whole or in part, individually or in conjunction with other photographs/video, in any medium and for any purpose whatsoever, including (but not only limited to) illustration, promotion and advertising.
  - b. The intern hereby releases and discharges SCEC from any and all claims and demands arising out of, or in connection with, the use of photographs/video/film, including any and all claims for libel. This authorization and release shall also inure to the benefit of the legal representatives, licensees and assignees of SCEC, as well as the person(s) for whom the photographs/video/film were taken.

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I hereby certify that I have reviewed this agreement and I agree to the **SCEC Internship Program** requirements and expectations.

Neeraja Vasa

Intern Name (Print)



Intern Signature

02/25/2025

Date

**Sign, Scan, and Email Immediately to:**

Dr. Gabriela Noriega  
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