

CoB-KIBM

Scholars Program 2022

JUNE 27 - SEPT 2

Our Mission

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Colors of the Brain – Kavli Institute for Brain and Mind Scholars Program

Our goals are to motivate, mentor and facilitate the transition of undergraduate students at UC San Diego that come from disadvantaged economic and social backgrounds, as well as students with disabilities, into Ph.D. programs with significant relevance to neuroscience.

The CoB-KIBM Scholars Program consists of a paid (\$5,000 stipend, housing included in this stipend), full-time research position across 10 weeks within a UC San Diego or Salk laboratory, along with mentorship and support for navigating academic research for the remainder of their undergraduate education.

Program Expectations for Scholars

Scholars must participate full-time in research and attend all program-related activities during the 10-week program.

Scholars cannot be employed or be taking classes during the 10-week research period.

Scholars must present their research in the form of a scientific poster or talk at a research symposium.

Scholars must submit a 2-page written report on their research topic and any progress made by the end of the 10-week research period.

Scholars must be prepared to give a short 5 minute "elevator pitch" style talk on their research by the end of the 10-week research period.

This year a total of 41 completed applications were submitted! The high quality of applications meant we invited to interview a total of 19 students. These half-hour interviews consisted of learning more about their career goals, faculty interests, and their general motivation for pursuing neuroscience, as well as any barriers they may have faced in their journey towards getting involved in research.

2022 CoB-KIBM Scholars



Sharai Barrera



Alexandra Garcia



Isabel Smith



Farah Humam Faroug



Jessica Muojekwu



Alejandro Cervantes-Medrano



Faith Aloboud



Francesca Massa



Rogelio Castro



Summer Workshops & Important Dates

Day	Date	Time	Location	Person(s)	Workshop/Event
Monday	June 27	1:30-2:30 PM	The Loft at UCSD	Leadership	Orientation
Tuesday	June 28	4:00- 5:00PM	CNCB Small Conference Room	Celina Nguyen, Mini Contreras	Introduction to Entering Research and Research Experience Expectations/Mentor-Mentee expectations
Thursday	July 7	4:00- 5:00PM	CNCB Small Conference Room	Mari, Christian	Introduction to research conferences and travel awards/funding sources
Friday	July 8	5:00 PM			SACNAS Travel Award Application Deadline
Wednesday	July 13	4:00- 5:00PM	CNCB Large Conference Room	MJ, Quirine, Sana	Reading Scientific Papers
Friday	July 15				Abstract Submission deadline for UCSD SRC
Tuesday	July 19	4:00- 5:00PM	CNCB Small Conference Room	Celina Nguyen	Journal Club
Wednesday	July 27	4:00- 5:00PM	CNCB Large Conference Room	Jilly	Documenting your Research
TBD	TBD			Christian, Sana	Presenting your research / Poster
Tuesday	Aug ust 9	4:00- 5:00PM	CNCB Small Conference Room		Poster Workshop/Practice Talks
Thursday & Friday	Aug 11 & 12		TBD (Price Center prob)		UCSD SUMMER RESEARCH CONFERENCE
Tuesday	Aug 16	4:00- 5:00PM	CNCB Small Conference Room	JC, Kween	Mental Health and Well-being/Balancing lab with life
Wednesday	Aug 24	4:00- 5:00PM	CNCB Small Conference Room	Pam, Eena	Applying to research fellowships and grant resources
TBD	TBD			JC	Data Blitz

Some tips for a Successful Summer Research Experience

- Show up to lab even if you have no experiments planned for the day.
- Read, read, and read some more! It's the best way to get familiar with and invested in your project.
- Start thinking about your hypothesis early on.
- Try to predict results and alternative outcomes for experiments.
- Ask your lab mentor, or other people in lab, if you can shadow them during your free time.
- Do not be afraid to ask questions.
- Check in with your mentorship pod at least once a week.