Application Process

Eligibility: Full time UCSD student with a GPA of at least 3.0 (out of 4.0). Prefer junior class standing prior to departure; US citizen or PR with a valid passport. Visa requirements are the responsibility of the student.

Requirements: Students chosen for PRIME must be willing & able to travel to Japan for a nine-week duration during the summer & agree to the terms of the PRIME program, to include active participation in ALL program sessions & completion of materials. PRIME students must return to UCSD as enrolled students for at least one quarter & participate in information sessions for future applicants. Students are expected to devote at least four hours/week preparing for the internship with their project mentor during the preceding quarter & be willing to embrace new and exciting international & cultural experiences!

Application Materials

- Application form (prime.ucsd.edu)
- Personal statement
- Documentation of proposed activities
- Letters from UCSD & host mentors
- CV, transcript & personal references

Support

Students accepted into the program must apply for and receive a UCSD research scholarship to support their PRIME Internship. Please see: https://students.ucsd.edu/finances/financial-aid/types/scholarships/urs/index.html

More Information

prime.ucsd.edu

PRIME 2015 JAPAN

An international research and cultural experience to prepare students for the global workplace in the 21st century

Pacific Rim Undergraduate Experiences

Over the course of 11 years, we have successfully engaged nearly 200 students in educational excellence while preparing them to serve as our future generation of science and engineering leaders…

Host sites for 2015

NAIST and Osaka, Japan

Application Deadline

February 20, 2015

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