

Q & A

BRIDGES TO THE BACCALAUREATE

What is Bridges to the Baccalaureate and why should I apply?

Bridges is a summer program supported by NIH—National Institutes of Health. Through providing experience in the science and research community, bridges opens the door for students considering a career in medical related fields, including the biomedical research field. For a period of 9 weeks, selected students and faculty spend a summer at Cal State University Long Beach laboratories participating in hands-on research. In addition, bridges students receive a bimonthly stipend, fieldtrip opportunities, social activities, and many more educational opportunities.

What will I do in bridges?

You will have the opportunity to join an ongoing research laboratory team and expand your knowledge about the research field and its opportunities. In addition, you will be working along side faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students of CSULB. You will also have the opportunity to meet and work with other community college students. At the end of the program you will present your research work at our annual poster symposium--we provide a support system to guide you along the way.

Who should apply?

- Students that enjoy science and want to learn more about what it means to be an active researcher.
- Chemistry, Biochemistry, Biology, or other science majors seeking laboratory experiences.
- Students having completed **24 units** or more by summer 2009 and **GPA 2.5** or higher
- U.S. citizens and permanent residents of our target minority subpopulations

What's in it for me?

- This can go on your resume and it also looks GREAT when you apply to universities and professional schools.
- This is an opportunity to advance academically, thus making you a more competitive student
- You GET PAID!!!
- Visit private and public research facilities—this gives you the opportunity to ask questions to professionals in the field.
- You will receive valuable transfer information and familiarize yourself with our campus
- Have the opportunity to mingle with other bridges students—we like to have fun!! IT'S NOT ALWAYS WORK!!!
- Tailored workshops intended to contribute to your success!!!!

What is research and why is it important?

Research is a process in which knowledge/science is advanced. Research is continuous—it is always generating new questions and answers. Some obvious benefits to research can be the cold medicine you take—these have to be approved through a series of research and testings. You can be a part of ongoing research projects at Cal State Long Beach.

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