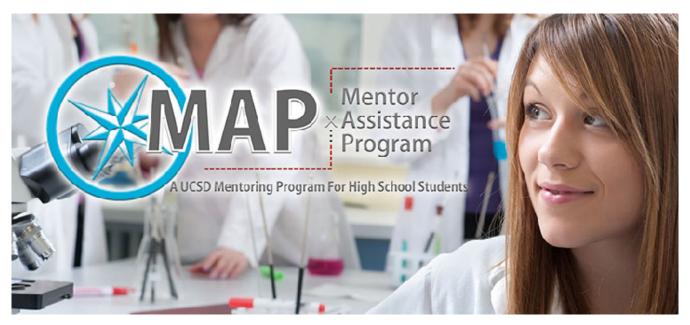
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Calling High School Students for UC San Diego's Mentor Assistance Program

Applications for the Fall 2017-Spring 2018 Period Opens May 1, 2017



San Diego-area high school students interested in pursuing a career in scientifically-based research are invited to apply to UC San Diego's Mentor Assistance Program (MAP), a campuswide initiative designed to engage students in a mentoring relationship with an expert from a vast array of disciplines.

Launched almost two years ago by the university's San Diego Supercomputer Center (SDSC) and UC San Diego School of Medicine, MAP's mission is to provide a pathway for student researchers to gain access to UC San Diego faculty, post-doctoral fellows, Ph.D. candidates, and staff to mentor them in their own field of interest.

Mentors are being recruited from across campus from fields that include athletics, biology, chemistry, aerospace engineering, network architectures, pharmaceutical sciences, physics, social studies, and more. A full list <u>can be found here</u>.

"MAP is an opportunity for students to take the first step into a potential career path, while

simultaneously building an early foundation for success in their academic career." said SDSC Education Manager and MAP Co-founder Ange Mason. "These mentoring relationships are intended to support collegiality, effective communication, self-evaluation, and cultural competence, all of which enhance a stimulating and supportive university environment."

Students will volunteer two to four hours a week during the school year to become familiar with a particular lab or workplace on campus. Students may also choose to communicate with a mentor via email or may indicate their interest to visit the mentor's lab or work environment.

The MAP student application process will open May 1 and will remain open through June 4, 2017. An application link will be provided on May 1. Application reviews and student selections will take place from June 1 to June 30. The mentoring period will run from September 2017 through May 2018.

For more details about MAP please visit here.

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