“UC LEADS has opened doors for me that continuously lead to opportunities. At first, I expected the program to simply help me get my foot in the door, but I had no idea it would also boost my confidence in public speaking, writing, and professional development—all things I would not have the chance to improve on without the help of UC LEADS faculty and mentors.”

AN NGUYEN
2014 UC LEADS ALUMNUS

APPLY TO UC LEADS
APPLICATIONS DUE EACH WINTER QUARTER
VISIT GRADSTUDIES.UCDAVIS.EDU/UCLEADS

Program Director:
Lynne Arcangel, M.A.
lazaarcangel@ucdavis.edu
(530) 752-0604

UC LEADS Program
Surge IV, Room 401
One Shields Avenue
Davis, CA 95616

LEADERSHIP THROUGH
ADVANCED DEGREES
UC LEADS is a two-year academic undergraduate research program designed to identify upper-division undergraduate students with the potential to succeed in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) disciplines who have experienced situations or conditions that have adversely impacted their advancement in their field of study.

UC LEADS scholars gain educational experiences that prepare them for leadership positions in industry, government, public service and academia. By fostering specialized research training and mentorship experiences with faculty, UC LEADS provides select undergraduates with essential STEM graduate school preparation.

WHY BECOME A UC LEADS SCHOLAR?

- Secure summer research placements with statewide UC faculty
- Receive 1:1 faculty mentorship
- Present findings and network with faculty and fellow scholars at the annual statewide UC Leads symposium
- Earn a $3,000 summer research stipend each year
- Conduct research throughout the academic year
- Gain foundational GRE preparation, presentation and leadership skills
- Benefit from professional development and graduate school advising
- Travel to professional meetings, seminars, and campus visits

By the Numbers

UC LEADS provides select undergraduates with essential STEM graduate school preparation.

- Science, technology, mathematics or engineering (STEM) major
- Educationally/economically disadvantaged
- Interested in research (previous research experience is not required)
- Seasoned UC Davis sophomore or rising junior standing (typically students will have completed 72 units. Transfer students currently at UC Davis are encouraged to apply.)
- Hope to obtain a doctoral degree in the UC system
- Minimum 3.0 GPA

Because UC LEADS is a two-year program, UC LEADS scholars will need to be able to spend one summer performing research at UC Davis and a second summer performing research at another UC campus.

PROGRAM TIMELINE

YEAR ONE

- Winter Quarter
  Scholars selected

- Spring Quarter
  Program orientation, seminars, advising and mentor selection

- Summer Quarter
  Research experience, seminars, research symposium and GRE

- Fall & Winter Quarters
  Research experience, seminars, advising, GRE prep and UC LEADS state symposium

YEAR TWO

- Spring Quarter
  Research experience, seminars, advising, GRE prep, select off-site UC mentorships and presentation opportunities

- Summer Quarter
  Research experience at another UC campus

- Fall & Winter Quarters
  GRE prep and testing, seminars, advising, graduate school search and graduate school

KORET UC LEADS SYMPOSIUM

As the highlight of each academic year, the Symposium offers an annual opportunity for mentors and UC LEADS scholars from all campuses to meet as an intellectual community. At the Symposium, scholars share the results of their research through presentations, attend professional development workshops and panels, listen to keynote addresses from speakers in government and industry and meet other members of the UC LEADS community.