



## Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program (SURF) Frequently Asked Questions

### **Who is eligible to apply to SURF?**

*U. S Citizens, Permanent Residents and AB540 are eligible to apply.*

### **What the application requirements?**

*The program application requirements are a completed application (available via Google forms), personal history statement, unofficial transcript, and one letter of recommendation.*

### **How do I submit my letter of recommendation?**

*Your letter writer should upload your letter of recommendation to the Applicant Letter of Recommendation Google Form: <https://forms.gle/MjPpouejF6oYKeKM7> . The letter of recommendation should be written on a university letterhead. Questions regarding the letter of recommendation should be directed to Mariela Menendez at [diversity@rqs.uci.edu](mailto:diversity@rqs.uci.edu)*

### **Does the program pay for housing?**

*Yes, the program includes on-campus housing for the duration of the program.*

### **When are workshops scheduled?**

*Most of the workshops are scheduled in the morning to allow program participants to focus on research in the afternoon. GRE workshops may take place in the evenings.*

### **How many hours of research am I expected to conduct during the summer?**

*Varies. This can range between 35-40 hours per week.*

### **Can I work part time during the summer program?**

*The goal of the program is for students to acquire research experience full time. Our students are required to participate in research 35-40 hours per week.*

### **Can faculty outside my home institution write a letter of recommendation on my behalf?**

*Yes as long as they are faculty and can speak to your qualifications, academic success and potential for research.*

### **Am I assigned a faculty mentor for the summer program?**

*Students are responsible for securing their own faculty mentor for the summer after being accepted to SURF. Students contact the faculty at UCI to ask about research opportunities for the summer and then take it from there. Information on UCI Faculty can be found here: <https://www.faculty.uci.edu/> We encourage students to contact a faculty member whose research interests are aligned to their own.*

### **Will the program be virtual or in person?**

*We are planning for an in person experience for students. Please continue to visit our website for program updates.*

*SURF decisions will be communicated by mid-April 2021 via email. Visit our website for updates.*