Funded by NIH, the goals of the ACCESS program are to increase the numbers and capabilities of minority scientist and science professionals and to prepare students for careers in biomedical research. The scope of this program is to increase transfer rates, graduation rates, and participation in scientific research of diverse groups of community college students.

The ACCESS Summer Research Institute is an intensive 8-week introduction to research methods and tools with an emphasis on biomedical sciences. The program focuses on students whose academic goals and potential have been affected by disadvantageous circumstances and/or students who belong to groups with below-average UC enrollment rates.

Selected student participants (interns) will work under a UCSC faculty mentor on a project that focuses on current research in an area of interest indicated by the student. Interns will work with state of the art laboratory instruments, meet researchers in the biomedical field and experience the academic research environment. Workshops will be given on such topics as library research, oral presentations, writing abstracts, preparing posters, writing resumes, internships, and planning for graduate school in the sciences. Interns will have the opportunity to experience campus life, where he/she can explore his/her own academic needs and interests. Interns may live on campus and will receive a summer salary of $3000.

Selection Criteria
ACCESS is seeking students who are highly motivated and will significantly benefit from participation in the Summer Research Institute. Participants will be selected based upon a combination of factors listed below (not listed in order):

- Eligibility (listed below)
- Potential for academic and research achievement
- Strong interest and motivation in science
- Membership in ACCESS and participation in ACCESS
- Biology and chemistry coursework preparation
- Two reference reports

Eligibility
Students must be currently enrolled full time at Cabrillo, Hartnell, Gavilan, or Monterey Peninsula College to be eligible and be a member of ACCESS (to join ACCESS, contact Pam D’Arcey). All participants must be US citizens or residents with appropriate documentation. The criteria used to establish eligibility include:

- Low family income
- Educational level of family
- Attendance at a high school with limited college preparatory curriculum, or below-average UC enrollment rates or achievement scores
- Students may not have received a Baccalaureate degree in any discipline

UNDERREPRESENTED MINORITIES ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO APPLY

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 1, 2016, 5:00 PM
Checklist for Application to 2016 Summer Research Institute

☐ If you have not already done so, fill out the ACCESS Membership Application. Contact the ACCESS Program Office if you need a copy of the application for membership. You cannot be considered for the Summer Research Institute until you have completed the ACCESS Membership Application.

☐ Request two Reference Reports. Reference Reports must be confidential and mailed directly to the ACCESS Program by the person writing the letter. Letters will not be accepted if mailed in by the applicant. Please be sure to include the informational sheet with your request for a reference report. Request your reference reports as soon as possible, so that the writers will have plenty of time to complete them.

☐ Complete this application; please answer all questions on all sides.

☐ Attach a typed essay answering the questions listed on the back of this application.

☐ Get a copy (photocopies are OK) of your most recent unofficial transcript.

☐ Submit this application, your essay, and your unofficial transcript to the ACCESS Program.

☐ Note the following dates for the 2016 ACCESS Summer Research Institute:
  June 13, 2016: ACCESS Summer Research Institute Orientation Day. This is an all day event on the UCSC campus and it is mandatory for all ACCESS Interns.
  June 20 - August 12, 2016: 2016 ACCESS Summer Research Institute.

YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED UNLESS YOU HAVE COMPLETED THIS FORM COMPLETELY AND SUBMITTED ALL THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS BY 5:00 PM, March 1, 2016.

SEND APPLICATION TO:
University of California, Santa Cruz
ACCESS Program
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
1156 High Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95064

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
 ACCESS Program
 Phone: (831) 459-4606
 Fax: (831) 459-4197
 e-mail: access@ucsc.edu
 www.access.ucsc.edu
PERSONAL INFORMATION *(Please type or print legibly)*

Name ________________________________________  S.S.#_____________________________

- Female  □ Male

Birth Date __/__/____

E-mail _________________________________________

Current Address ____________________________________________

City ____________________________ State ___________ Zip ________________

Current Phone (____) __________

Permanent Home Address ____________________________________________

City ____________________________ State ___________ Zip ________________

Permanent Home Phone (if different) (____) __________

City and Country of Birth ______________________________ Citizenship______________

*If you are not a US Citizen, please include a copy of documentation of your US employment eligibility.*

Check the box of the ethnic group you most strongly identify with (check only ONE):

- Mexican/Mexican American/Chicano  □ Chinese/Chinese American  □ Other Asian
- Other Spanish/Latino  □ Vietnamese/Vietnamese American  □ White/Caucasian
- East Indian/Pakistani  □ Filipino/Filipino American  □ Other (please specify) __________
- American Indian/Alaskan Native  □ Pacific Islander  □ Mixed (please specify) __________

FAMILY BACKGROUND

The primary language spoken in the home of my childhood was ____________________________

Indicate the highest education level of your father (leave blank if unknown):

- Grade Level ______  □ Some College  □ Bachelors Degree  □ Doctorate (Ph.D.)
- High School Graduate  □ Associates Degree  □ Masters Degree  □ Other Professional Degree

Indicate the highest education level of your mother (leave blank if unknown):

- Grade Level ______  □ Some College  □ Bachelors Degree  □ Doctorate (Ph.D.)
- High School Graduate  □ Associates Degree  □ Masters Degree  □ Other Professional Degree

Father’s Occupation ____________________________  Mother’s Occupation ____________________________

# of Brothers ______  Ages: __________________________  # of Sisters ______  Ages: __________

# of siblings attending college: __________  # of siblings graduated from college: __________

Do you have children?  □ No  □ Yes – List Ages: __________  Single parent?  □ No  □ Yes
EDUCATION

Last High School Attended ______________________ City _____________________ State______

High School Diploma received? ☐ Yes ☐ No  GED/High School Equivalency? ☐ Yes ☐ No

College now enrolled ________________________  Major/Course of study ________________________

Enrollment began: Semester: ☐ Spring ☐ Summer ☐ Fall ☐ Winter  Year: _________________

Units completed (at current college) _______  Units currently enrolled _______  Estimated GPA _______

Will you be transferring in fall, 2016? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, to what college will you transfer? ________________________________

OTHER COLLEGES ATTENDED:

| Name                  | Dates Attended | Degree received/Units completed |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------------------
| ______________________|________________|________________________________|
| ______________________|________________|________________________________|
| ______________________|________________|________________________________|

Do you have a Bachelor’s degree in any discipline? ☐ Yes ☐ No

EXTRACURRICULAR INFORMATION

List any school activities, clubs or programs you have participated in, including offices held and academic honors earned. Also list non-school clubs, activities, program or conferences in which you have participated.

CAREER GOALS OR INTERESTS:

_________________________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________________

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Indicate the approximate annual income of parents/guardians, even if you don’t live with them $___________

Total size of parent’s household (including yourself if you live with them) _________________

If you are independent of parental support:

Years you have lived away from home _______  # of dependents (self, spouse, children) _______

Total household income:  Last Year $___________  This Year (estimated) $___________

All applicants are required to apply for financial aid by filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Have you filed the FAFSA form? ☐ Yes ☐ No  Date submitted: ___________________
Did you or your family receive any income during the past 5 years from public assistance programs, such as welfare, AFDC, Social Security, disability, etc.? □ YES □ No If yes, list program(s)______________________________

ARE YOU APPLYING FOR ANY OTHER INTERNSHIPS THIS SUMMER? IF YES, PLEASE LIST BELOW:

RESEARCH INTERESTS
List, in order of preference, the names of three faculty members at UCSC with whom you would like to carry out research. A list of participating faculty members and a brief summary of their research interests can be found on our website at http://access.ucsc.edu/index.php/community-college-program/summer-institute/. More complete descriptions and publications are available through the following websites:

1. http://www.chemistry.ucsc.edu/faculty/index.html

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
The statement of purpose helps us to review your interests and to determine your motivation for applying for the internship. It should be clear and easy to read. We should be able to review a synopsis of your background and a summary of where you wish to be in the future. With this in mind, on a separate sheet of paper, please write a 500-word Statement of Purpose, addressing all of the following topics:

1. Introduction – background about yourself
   - Who are you? Where are you from? What sets you apart or what obstacles have you overcome?
2. Your future academic and career goals
   - What is the highest degree you desire? What are your research interests and career objectives within your discipline?
3. Your preparation for moving on to the next level in your education
   - What is your educational background? Where will you transfer and when? What is your intended major?
4. How is the ACCESS Summer Research Institute a good fit for your educational goals?
   - Describe any academic or work experiences that are relevant to this internship program or that have sparked your interest in research. What specifically do you want to obtain from participating in this event?
5. Describe why you have chosen the three faculty members listed above.
6. If your academic performance and participation do not accurately reflect your potential, please describe any circumstances or conditions that may have prevented you from giving your best performance.

REFERENCE REPORTS
Give the names and telephone numbers of two individuals who will be writing reference reports for you: (it is strongly encouraged that at least one letter is from a science faculty member at your current college). Reference report forms can be found on our website at http://access.ucsc.edu/index.php/community-college-program/summer-institute/.

1. Name: _____________________________________________ Phone: ___________________________________
2. Name: _____________________________________________ Phone: ___________________________________
MEDICAL/ALLERGY
Please list any medical information, such as allergies to yeast, which may assist in lab placement in our program.

CERTIFICATION
I certify that the information reported on this application, to the best of my knowledge, is true and correct. I authorize ACCESS to release the information in this application to the selection committee, and to review my academic transcripts and financial aid application. I also authorize ACCESS to release information on this application to UC Santa Cruz Admissions for inclusion on mailing lists and contact databases.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE ___________________________ DATE _______________________

If I am selected as a participant, I authorize ACCESS and UC Santa Cruz to publicize any relevant scholarship and biographical information and/or publish photographs. I also agree to participate in the assessment of the ACCESS program by completing surveys and participating in focus groups and/or interviews regarding my perceptions and personal experiences in the program. I understand that all information will be treated as confidential by the researcher.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE ___________________________ DATE _______________________