



Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (RISE) Fellows Application

The Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (RISE) is a program sponsored by a grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and its goal is to increase the number of students from under-represented minority groups going on to attend and finish graduate degrees in the biomedical sciences. RISE Fellows receive financial support to carry out undergraduate research with a CSULB faculty member, and participate in academic and professional development opportunities in order to achieve its intended goal. Applicants must meet the following six requirements to be considered for the RISE Fellows applicant pool:

1. earned a minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA;
2. earned at least 60 cumulative units;
3. be a declared science major;
4. be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or permanent U.S. resident;
5. intend to pursue graduate degrees in the biomedical sciences; and
6. must conduct research with CSULB faculty

You must complete sections I, II, and III and provide supplemental documentation (RISE Fellows Personal Statement, letters of recommendation, and unofficial transcripts) in order to be considered for this competitive, undergraduate research program. Incomplete applications or applicants not meeting minimum requirements will NOT be considered by the selection committee.

This PDF document can only be filled out and saved electronically if you have Adobe Acrobat Writer. Otherwise, fill out the fields, print and submit a scanned or original version.

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION (type or print clearly)

Name _____ Campus ID _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

Ethnicity (*providing this information is optional*) _____ U.S. Citizen: **YES** **NO**

Permanent Resident: **YES** **NO** **N/A**

Other college(s) attended _____

Degrees Earned _____

II. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Science & Math Coursework – Enter the information requested below

	Specific Course	At which college/university completed?	Sem./Yr. Completed	Grade Earned/In Progress
Biology 212 or equivalent				
Biology 213 or equivalent				
Chemistry 111A or equivalent				
Chemistry 111B or equivalent				
Chemistry 320A/322A or equivalent				
Chemistry 320B/322B or equivalent				
Additional Natural Science or Math Course				
Additional Natural Science or Math Course				

II. ACADEMIC INFORMATION (continued)

Major _____ Minor _____ Degree Objective _____

Anticipated Graduation Date _____

Cumulative Units (including current semester) _____ Cumulative GPA _____

Major GPA _____

Submit a copy of your unofficial transcript – you may download and print it from MyCSULB.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS, REFERENCES, AND EXPECTATIONS

Submit two (2) letters of recommendation from science and/or math faculty members – If working with a faculty member one letter MUST be from him/her. You may include letters with your completed application or faculty may send them directly to Yvette Castaño in FO5-104 ([email yramirez@csulb.edu](mailto:yramirez@csulb.edu)).

Faculty Member _____ Institution _____

Course/Grade Earned _____/_____

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Have you in the past or are you currently working in a research lab? **YES** **NO**

Whose lab? _____ Start Date _____ End Date _____

Career goals/plans after graduation (check all that apply):

Masters Ph.D. Professional Degree Other (please specify) _____

RISE Fellows Personal Statement - In a short essay (2-3 pages maximum), please answer the following questions:

1. Why have you chosen to apply to the RISE Fellows Program and what interests you most about it?
2. How will you contribute to the RISE Fellows Program if invited to join?
3. What are two (2) of your short- and/or long-term professional goals?
4. When combined with your academic experience at CSULB, in what ways will the RISE Fellows Program help prepare you for your professional goals?
5. In what ways have CSULB faculty encouraged you to pursue a biomedical research career?
6. Is there anything else you think the selection committee should know as we evaluate your application?

I acknowledge that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge. In order to complete the evaluation process, it may be necessary to obtain information from MyCSULB so that we may verify your CSULB academic records and student profile. Please check one:

- I authorize** the RISE program to review and my CSULB academic records for information needed to complete the evaluation of my RISE Fellows Application by the selection committee.
- I do not authorize** the RISE program to review and my CSULB academic records for information needed to complete the evaluation of my RISE Fellows Application by the selection committee.

Signature _____ Date _____

CHECKLIST: Make sure you submit all of the following documents to complete your application:

1. Unofficial CSULB Transcript
2. Two (2) letters of recommendation
3. RISE Fellows Personal Statement
4. Completed and signed RISE Fellows Application

Return this application and supplemental documents by email, FAX, in person or by mail to:

**RISE Fellows Program
FO5-104
Attn: Yvette Ramirez-Castaño
1250 Bellflower Boulevard
Long Beach, CA 90840-4501**

**Email: (yramirez@csulb.edu)
FAX: (562)-985-5104**