



# Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (RISE) Starters Application

The Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (RISE) is a federally funded program sponsored by a grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Its goal is to increase the interest, skills, and competitiveness of students in pursuit of biomedical research careers.

RISE Starters are first-time freshmen and sophomores who are potentially interested in a biomedical research field career. Participants receive extensive mentoring and academic support as well as specially designed courses to prepare them for success in their majors and to train them to be scientists. As juniors and seniors, students may apply to be RISE Fellows and receive financial support to carry out undergraduate research with a CSULB faculty member.

## Benefits

- Enrollment in workshops especially designed to prepare students to conduct research and become scientists
- Activities to enhance your public speaking and scientific writing skills
- Information on undergraduate research opportunities
- Faculty mentoring and individualized academic advising
- Priority in applying to become RISE Fellows

## Expectations

- Enroll in RISE training workshops each semester. Once selected, you will be contacted regarding enrollment in each workshop.
- Attend RISE science and community meetings with RISE Fellows
- Participate in activities with fellow RISE Starters

## Program Eligibility

- Major in biological sciences, chemistry or biochemistry
- Career goals in biomedical sciences and interest in undergraduate research
- US Citizen, non-citizen nationals or permanent resident
- Students who are African American, Hispanic, Native American, or US Pacific Islander are encouraged to apply

## Application

Return completed application form to Yvette Ramirez-Castano, by email, mail or in person (see information below). **Questions** ~ Contact Paul Buonora at [pbuonora@csulb.edu](mailto:pbuonora@csulb.edu)

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*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.*

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ CSULB ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Declared/Intended Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Career Goal: \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnicity (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Standardized Test Scores – List all scores that are available to date

ELM: \_\_\_\_\_ EPT: \_\_\_\_\_ SATV: \_\_\_\_\_ SATM: \_\_\_\_\_

ACTV: \_\_\_\_\_ ACTM: \_\_\_\_\_ MDPT: \_\_\_\_\_

List all AP/IB EXAMS and college biology and chemistry courses taken or in progress and scores/grades if known

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What class have you taken or are you in at CSULB (Freshmen, Sophomore, Transfer Junior): \_\_\_\_\_

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What interests you about the RISE Starters Program?

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

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