

Call for Mentors Paid Opportunity: Summer Environmental Research Opportunity for Community College Students

We are inviting faculty, postdoctoral scholars, and graduate students to serve as mentors for a unique summer research opportunity aimed at introducing community college students interested in medicine to environmental science research. The objective is to provide hands-on experience in environmental research to students who are exploring clinical and health-related careers.

This summer, 15 highly motivated community college students have expressed interest in joining research labs through our program. We are seeking mentors who can host 1–2 students for an 8-week research experience.



Click [here](#) or scan the QR code to let us know you're interested in mentoring!

Key Details:

- - Program Dates: June 23, 2025 – August 15, 2025
- - Mentor Stipend: **\$2,500 per student you mentor** (maximum 2 students per mentor)
- - Mentor Eligibility: Open to faculty, postdocs, and graduate students (lab managers and other positions can be considered on a case-by-case basis)
- - Student Background: Students are community college undergraduates with limited research experience but strong interest and enthusiasm!
- - Student Commitment: 20–40 hours/week in your lab for 8 weeks

Mentor Responsibilities:

- - Provide hands-on research experience and guidance to assigned student(s)
- - Complete a brief end-of-program survey about your mentoring experience

Student Deliverables:

- - Final 5–10 minute presentation on their research and experience
- - End-of-program evaluation survey
- - Participation in bi-weekly CMSP check-ins (starting Monday, June 23 from 3:00–4:00 PM via Zoom: <https://ucr.zoom.us/j/96484459119>)

If you or someone in your group is interested in hosting a student, please let us know by **May 12, 2025 for priority; we will accept responses until all mentees are matched or funds are exhausted.** Once we hear from you, we will send student profiles for you to review and assist with the matching process. If you have questions, please email Sam Ying, co-director of the Center for Planetary Health (samyin@ucr.edu)

Thank you for considering supporting the next generation of environmental health scholars!