



MORE PROGRAMS

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES

NIH RISE MS-TO-PHD GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

THIS APPLICATION IS FOR RISE MS-TO-PHD FELLOWSHIP TO SUPPORT ONLY. THIS PDF VERSION CAN BE FILLED OUT SAVED, AND SUBMITTED TO US NOT LATER THAN **FEBRUARY 15, 2017** AS AN EMAIL ATTACHMENT.

PARTICIPATION IN THE RISE MS-TO-PHD PROGRAM REQUIRES ADMISSION TO A CAL STATE LA MS (OR MA) PROGRAM (SEE CSU MENTOR AND DEPARTMENT [DEADLINES HERE](#)). SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS REQUIRE BRIEF ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS DIRECTLY TO THEM: **BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES; CHEMISTRY & BIOCHEMISTRY, PHYSICS, AND PSYCHOLOGY**). LINKS TO THESE ARE ON PAGE 3 OF THIS APPLICATION FORM.

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A. NAME: _____ E-MAIL: _____

B. CIN #: _____

C. ADDRESS: _____

D. CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

E. CELL PHONE NUMBER: _____ HOME PHONE: _____

F. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: _____

G. U.S. CITIZEN: (CHECK ONE) YES ___ NO ___ IF NO, GIVE COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP: _____

H. PERMANENT RESIDENT (GIVE VISA SYMBOL AND NUMBER): _____

I. ETHNICITY/RACE (CHECK ONE)

- AFRICAN AMERICAN/BLACK; HISPANIC/CHICANO(A)/LATINO(A); CAUCASIAN/WHITE;
 NATIVE HAWAIIAN, SAMOAN, GUAMANIAN; AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE (TRIBE _____);
 FILIPINO(A); OTHER ASIAN (IDENTIFY) _____; OTHER (IDENTIFY) _____

J. PERSON TO CONTACT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY _____

K. ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

L. RELATIONSHIP _____ TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

II. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND CAREER GOALS

A. HIGH SCHOOL, LOCATION, AND YEAR OF GRADUATION: _____

B. UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY _____

MAJOR _____ DATE OF GRADUATION _____

C. OVERALL GRADE POINT AVERAGE (A=4.0, B=3.0, ETC.): _____

D. GRADE POINT AVERAGE IN SCIENCE/MATH/ENGINEERING COURSES: _____

- E. CHECK AREA OF PROPOSED CAL STATE LA MS DEGREE: CHEMISTRY; BIOCHEMISTRY; BIOLOGY;
 MICROBIOLOGY; BIOINFORMATICS; PHYSICS; BIOPHYSICS; PSYCHOLOGY;
 MATHEMATICS; BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING; OTHER (SPECIFY AREA _____)

F. MONTH AND YEAR YOU EXPECT TO COMPLETE CAL STATE LA MS PROGRAM: _____

E. IDENTIFY YOUR HIGHEST PLANNED EDUCATIONAL LEVEL: MS; PHD; POST DOCTORAL

OTHER (SPECIFY) _____

G. HAVE YOU APPLIED TO A PHD PROGRAM? YES. IF YES, ATTACH A LIST OF INSTITUTIONS; NO. IF NOT, TO WHICH INSTITUTIONS DO YOU PLAN TO APPLY AFTER THE MS.

H. HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT OUR PROGRAM: WEBSITE; INTERNET SEARCH; FAMILY; FRIEND; FORMER RISE PARTICIPANT; ACADEMIC ADVISOR; PROFESSOR/MENTOR; OTHER: _____

I. IDENTIFY ALL RESEARCH TRAINING PROGRAMS IN WHICH YOU PARTICIPATED AS AN UNDERGRAD: RISE IMSD MARC LSAMP CAMP REU OTHER: _____

J. ARE YOU APPLYING TO OTHER MS PROGRAM SUPPORT PROGRAMS? LSAMP BRIDGE TO THE DOCTORATE NIH BRIDGES TO THE PHD CREST PREM

III. PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION:

TRANSCRIPTS OF ALL YOUR COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY WORK. IF YOU ARE A CAL STATE LA STUDENT, REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS FROM WORK AT INSTITUTIONS OTHER THAN CAL STATE LA. ATTACH *UNOFFICIAL* CAL STATE LA TRANSCRIPTS THAT YOU CAN DOWNLOAD FROM GET.

ATTACH OR ARRANGE TO HAVE A COPY OF YOUR GRADUATE RECORD EXAM (GRE) GENERAL TEST SCORES

A CURRENT *CURRICULUM VITAE*/RESUME. INCLUDE ANY ACADEMIC (OR OTHER) HONORS RECEIVED, RESEARCH EXPERIENCE, AND PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS THAT RESULTED FROM THAT WORK.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL PAGES, PROVIDING A DELIBERATE RESPONSE TO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING. THE PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL USE YOUR RESPONSES TO ASSESS YOUR INTEREST IN PURSUING A RESEARCH CAREER, AND ALSO YOUR ABILITY TO EXPRESS YOUR IDEAS THROUGH WRITING.

- PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY EXPERIENCE YOU HAVE IN RESEARCH OR RELATED AREAS. WHAT RESEARCH QUESTION DID YOU PURSUE; WHAT DID YOU DO; AND WHAT DO YOUR RESULTS MEAN?
- THE MBRS RISE PROGRAM IS DESIGNED FOR STUDENTS ALREADY MOTIVATED AND COMMITTED TO A PHD-LEVEL RESEARCH CAREER. IT PREPARES STUDENTS FOR ADMISSION AND SUCCESS IN PHD PROGRAMS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MS PROGRAM COMPLETION. HOW CONGRUENT IS THIS WITH YOUR EDUCATIONAL GOALS?
- DISCUSS YOUR CAREER PLANS AFTER YOU COMPLETE YOUR FORMAL EDUCATION, PARTICULARLY HOW RESEARCH IN SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, OR MATHEMATICS FITS INTO THESE PLANS.
- EXPLAIN ANY DISCREPANCY BETWEEN YOUR GRADES IN ACADEMIC COURSEWORK AND YOUR TALENTS AND POTENTIAL. IT IS EXPECTED THAT YOU WILL COMPLETE THE MS DEGREE WITH A 3.5 GPA OR HIGHER.
- EXPLAIN HOW YOUR SELECTION AS A RISE MS-TO-PHD SCHOLAR WILL ENHANCE UNDERREPRESENTED MINORITY PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH CAREERS.

ARRANGE TO HAVE **THREE LETTERS OF REFERENCE** WRITTEN ON YOUR BEHALF BY SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, OR MATHEMATICS FACULTY MEMBERS (AND LIST THESE INDIVIDUALS BELOW). *IF YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED IN LABORATORY RESEARCH, ONE OF THE LETTERS SHOULD LIKELY BE FROM YOUR RESEARCH DIRECTOR.* THESE LETTERS SHOULD BE COMPLETED ON THE ATTACHED **FACULTY RECOMMENDATION FORM** AND EMAILED TO US BY THE WRITER AS AN ATTACHMENT TO: MOREPRO@CALSTATELA.EDU. IF YOUR REFERENCES PREFER, THEY CAN PRINT OUT AND MAIL THE LETTERS TO THE CAL STATE LA MORE PROGRAMS OFFICE.

REFeree NAME	INSTITUTION	EMAIL

YOU MUST BE A US CITIZEN OR LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENT. IF YOU ARE A PERMANENT RESIDENT ATTACH A NOTARIZED COPY (BOTH SIDES) OF YOUR ALIEN REGISTRATION ("GREEN") CARD.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN ON INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS, INCLUDING MISSING LETTERS OF REFERENCE

IV. AUTHORIZATION TO USE RECORDS

I HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE MORE PROGRAMS PERSONNEL ACCESS TO MY UNIVERSITY RECORDS FOR PURPOSES OF ADMISSION TO AND CONTINUATION IN THE RISE PROGRAM. ALL INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT IN STRICT CONFIDENCE.

MY FILE CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING:

- A. COPIES OF MY TRANSCRIPTS OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY WORK
- B. PERSONAL INFORMATION FROM THIS APPLICATION
- C. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
- D. OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED TO MY ADMISSION OR CONTINUATION IN THE PROGRAM.

TO REVOKE THIS AUTHORIZATION, I MUST DO SO IN WRITING. SUCH REVOCATION WILL APPLY AS OF THE RECEIPT DATE.

ELECTRONIC OR MANUAL SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM NOT LATER THAN
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2017 TO:

**MORE PROGRAMS OFFICE
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES 160
C/O DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES
5151 STATE UNIVERSITY DRIVE
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90032-8202**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CALL:

KARLA CARIAS AT **323-343-2395**

EMAIL:

MOREPRO@CALSTATELA.EDU

VISIT THE MORE PROGRAMS WEBSITE:

WWW.CALSTATELA.EDU/MOREPROGRAMS

CHECKLIST FOR REQUIRED APPLICATIONS:

THIS APPLICATION IS FOR AN **MBRS RISE MS-TO-PHD RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP** ONLY. THE DEADLINE FOR ITS RECEIPT IN THE MORE PROGRAMS OFFICE IS 5 PM WEDNESDAY **FEBRUARY 15, 2017**

DEADLINES FOR UNIVERSITY ADMISSION. IF YOU ARE NOT YET AN MS STUDENT AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES, YOU MUST ALSO BE ADMITTED BY THE UNIVERSITY TO PARTICIPATE IN RISE MS-TO-PHD. THE DEADLINE FOR ONLINE APPLICATION TO THE UNIVERSITY THROUGH CSU MENTOR IS THE SAME AS THE DEADLINE TO APPLY TO YOUR DEPARTMENT. PLEASE SEE DEPARTMENT AND CSU MENTOR [DEADLINES HERE](#); THE UNIVERSITY DOES NOT ACCEPT LATE APPLICATIONS. PLEASE APPLY TO CAL STATE LA GRADUATE PROGRAMS THROUGH UNIVERSITY GRADUATE ADMISSIONS: WWW.CSUMENTOR.EDU/ADMISSIONAPP/GRAD_APPLY.ASP

SEVERAL MS DEPARTMENTS REQUIRE BRIEF ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS DIRECTLY TO THEM:

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES (RESEARCH AREAS IN BIOLOGY AND MICROBIOLOGY). THE DEADLINE IS APRIL 14. THE DEPARTMENTAL APPLICATION IS [HTTP://WWW.CALSTATELA.EDU/ACADEMIC/BIOL/BIOMSAAPPLINFO.PHP](http://WWW.CALSTATELA.EDU/ACADEMIC/BIOL/BIOMSAAPPLINFO.PHP)

CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY. THE DEADLINE IS MARCH 15, 2017. APPLY THROUGH [HTTP://WWW.CALSTATELA.EDU/DEPT/CHEM/GRADPROGRAMS.HTM](http://WWW.CALSTATELA.EDU/DEPT/CHEM/GRADPROGRAMS.HTM)

PHYSICS (INCLUDING BIOPHYSICS). THE DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 15, 2017 THROUGH [HTTP://WEB.CALSTATELA.EDU/DEPT/PHYSICS/MASTERS%20DEGREE%20PHYSICS.HTM](http://WEB.CALSTATELA.EDU/DEPT/PHYSICS/MASTERS%20DEGREE%20PHYSICS.HTM)

PSYCHOLOGY. THE DEADLINE FOR THE MS AND MA PROGRAM ARE FEBRUARY 15, 2017. APPLY THROUGH [HTTP://WEB.CALSTATELA.EDU/ACADEMIC/PSYCH/GRADPROGRAMSADMISSIONSOVERVIEW.HTML](http://WEB.CALSTATELA.EDU/ACADEMIC/PSYCH/GRADPROGRAMSADMISSIONSOVERVIEW.HTML)

FACULTY RECOMMENDATION FORM

_____ has applied for a graduate research fellowship through the NIH RISE MS-to-PhD Program at California State University, Los Angeles and has listed you as a reference. The goal of RISE MS-to-PhD is to develop the talents of students through a strong MS (or MA) program so they become competitive for admission and success in strong PhD programs.

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1. In the table below, give us your assessment of the applicant's achievements and potential by checking the appropriate box for each category:

	Outstanding (top 5%)	Excellent (top 10%)	Good (top 20%)	Average (top 50%)	Below Average	No opportunity to observe
Motivation for a research career						
Academic preparation						
Analytical skills						
Probable creativity						
Potential for success in research						
Skills in written communication						
Skills in oral communication						
Perseverance to attain goals						
Likelihood to enter PhD Program						

2. In the space provided below (or on a separate page) please comment on the candidate's potential for success in completing a PhD program and establishing a research career in the sciences, mathematics, or engineering

Name _____ Title _____

Electronic or Manual Signature _____ Date _____

Institution _____

Email _____ Telephone number _____

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