



ONLINE APPLICATION

Online application link: <https://r.csst.ucla.edu/register/csstregister.cfm>

** no Chinese characters when filling out the application form**

REQUIRED INFORMATION

- Basic introduction: name, contact information, etc.
- Your academic background
 - GPA, class ranking, etc.
 - You may use <http://www.foreigncredits.com/Resources/GPA-Calculator/> to calculate your GPA (Use: Country → *United States*)
 - You will be asked to upload your **Official Transcript** in English (it takes time to obtain official transcripts, so please plan ahead)
- English tests that you have taken
 - **Important:** Although you are not required to provide these test scores during the application, if you are admitted into the program, you **MUST** provide a **TOEFL min. score of 79, or IELTS min. score of 6.5, by March 1st, 2020**. This is a mandatory requirement by UCLA Int'l Office for your F1 visa to participate in the program. No exception can be made
 - English proficiency will also be assessed during our in-person interviews
- Your research experience
 - You may describe up to 3 research experiences you have had
- Your Curriculum Vitae
- Two-part Essay
 - Part 1: Personal Statement (300-500 words)
Please browse [UCLA department webpages and PhD program information](#).
Write an essay describing:
 - Your reason for applying to the CSST Summer Program. What do you hope to gain from this experience?
 - Your short & long-term career goals.
 - The UCLA PhD Programs that interest you.
 - Part 2: Summer Research Interest (100-200 words):
Please browse UCLA research topics on [UCLA department webpages](#).
Write an essay describing:
 - General research topics that interest you
 - Areas you would like to focus on this summer
 - Please note: **DO NOT** name a specific faculty member in the essay, as this essay is forwarded to different professors for mentor matching if and when you are admitted into the program



Housing plays an important role in developing a community of CSST colleagues and promoting cross-disciplinary interaction among students. Each student will be assigned a bed in a triple room in UCLA campus housing. All CSST students are required to live in their assigned housing. **No exceptions.** A meal plan of 11-meals or 15-meals per week is also included in the housing package.

ENROLLMENT

CSST will enroll each student in 4 units of independent study (course number 199 or 197) with their UCLA faculty mentor, as well as 8 units of CSST Colloquium (course: M Pharm 194) with Professor Ren Sun, CSST Director. Course grades will be based upon research performance, CSST program attendance, and personal conduct.

NOTES

Students are strongly encouraged to take the GRE examinations before attending the Summer Program. Although GRE scores are not a requirement for participating in the Summer Program, it will be useful for evaluating the student's admissibility to UCLA PhD programs at the end of the Summer Program. Additionally, taking the exams early will allow students to retake it later if necessary.

Questions?

Please contact CSST at: csst@cnsi.ucla.edu