

Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders

UC Davis Summer Pre-College Programs

Growing up in Compton, California, Paris Scott discovered an unexpected interest: riding horses. She learned to ride with the Compton Cowboys, an organization that works with horses to provide a positive influence on inner-city youth. After years of practice, Paris joined their junior equestrian show jumping team.

Her talent caught the eye of UC Davis professor Amy McLean, who secured a scholarship for Paris to attend the **UC Davis Summer Pre-College Program** in Equine Science. For two weeks Paris lived on campus, learning skills and knowledge from top faculty. She left with the drive to become a veterinarian, and the dream of some day being an Aggie.

McLean, an animal scientist who teaches in the program, hopes to bring more students like Paris to experience UC Davis, and envisions equine science summer scholarships for Native American and other underrepresented students as well.

The UC Davis Difference

From field trips to overnight programs, thousands of K-12 students have had their first look at college life at UC Davis. While our campus hosts many excellent targeted outreach opportunities, CPE's Pre-College Summer Programs are unique in being open-access for all, without restrictive participation criteria, while offering a quality academic experience.

Built on the highly engaging, signature academic programs that UC Davis is known for, our rigorous courses stand out nationwide. Here, students discover equine science at the nation's top-ranked school for veterinary medicine, explore marine science in one of the world's most biologically rich coastal environments, learn what it takes to succeed at a leading medical school, and encounter chemical engineering in our one-of-a-kind coffee laboratory.

Our two-week residential programs invite high-potential high school students to explore a major, live with peers in residence halls, work with brilliant researchers at one of the world's top research universities—and prepare them for college success.



From the Equine Center to Bodega Marine Lab, our pre-college programs bring high school students into active learning environments built on signature UC Davis fields of study.

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Growing Opportunities, Growing Partnerships

Our summer programs launched in 2017 with 35 participants in four courses. Since the post-pandemic return to campus in 2021, we have grown to 154 students and added bold new courses that equip tomorrow's leaders in our extraordinary facilities.

Current offerings include Coastal and Marine Science, Environmental Toxicology, Equine Science, Pre-Med, Startup Entrepreneurship, and our newest course, Chemical Engineering with Coffee. With the support of university friends and partners who share our commitment to expanding opportunities, we envision new programs in UC Davis specialties—including our forthcoming Forensics course.

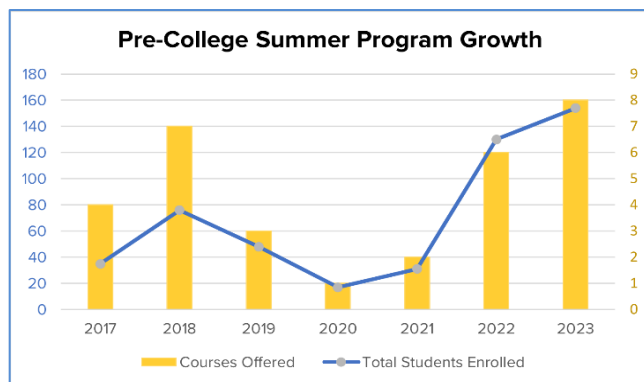


We are growing partnerships to expand access for promising students from underserved communities. For example, UC Davis Health's Dare to be a Doctor program helps students from Sacramento attend our Pre-Med program. **For new partnerships and new programs alike, the possibilities are limitless.**

Put Pre-College Experiences Within Reach

The cost of attending our residential programs is approximately \$6,500, which covers room, board, tuition and fees. Our open-access programs are not eligible for federal funding, and the price can put our programs out of reach of those who stand to benefit most.

With your generous vision and support, we can make transformational opportunities in essential fields of study available to more of tomorrow's leaders.



The dip in 2021-22 reflects a pandemic-related pivot to online instruction. Since then, we have seen rapid, continual growth.

Giving Opportunities

Expand Student Scholarships

Your support for student scholarships makes our programs accessible to all qualified students, regardless of their family's means.

Support Residential Living

Residential life is a valuable, but costly, part program participation. Your generosity can make it possible for one student or many.

Partner With a Program

Sponsor future physicians, marine biologists, engineers, veterinarians, or entrepreneurs by working with the program of your choice.

Sponsor Our Next Course

The possibilities for pre-college programs at Davis are endless. Invest in a program you would like to see grow.