

June 2024

UC RIVERSIDE
CHANCELLOR'S
RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP
CRF End of the Year Newsletter
University of California, Riverside

Center for Undergraduate Research and Engaged Learning
Division of Undergraduate Education

A Successful Year Completed



As we reflect on the 2023-2024 year we would like to celebrate the many accomplishments of our fellows. Congratulations to the fellows for all their successful leadership and mentorship events.

engage.ucr.edu/research/chancellor_fellowship

Spring 2024 CRF Events

Mentorship

**The Chancellor's Research Fellowship:
Public Speaking Series Part III**

How to Present at a Symposium

Join us to learn:

- What to expect when presenting at a Symposium
- Tips for effectively communicating your research
- Tips for engaging with your audience

April 22 at 11 AM

2201 Student Services Building

For questions contact: UGR@UCR.EDU




Students prepared for the Undergraduate Research & Creative Activities Symposium by attending the "How to Present at a Symposium" workshop. The CRFs gave tips and tricks on how to present and then students practiced their skills!

Leadership

You Are Invited To Celebrate

**"A Journey of Resiliency
UCR Latinas Growing Professionally
through International Experiences"**

Sponsored by the Chancellor's Research Fellows
& the College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

MONDAY, APRIL 15 @ 11AM IN 1500 HUMANITIES



Jacqueline Aguirre De La O
After graduating in 2010 from UCR with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. As an undergraduate, she participated in the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) and spent a semester in South Korea. She has since worked as a Foreign English Teaching Assistant in Seoul, South Korea. Jacqueline is a Charles & Johanna Foundation Graduate Fellow and has been awarded a graduate degree in International Studies from the University of California, San Diego.



Kathy Michelle Chacon
Kathy graduated in 2010 from UCR with a Bachelor of Arts in Media and Cultural Studies. As an undergraduate, she participated in Education Abroad studying abroad at Queen Mary University of London. She has recently been awarded a Gates Cambridge Scholarship and will pursue an MPhil in Film and Screen Studies at the University of Cambridge in the fall of 2024.



Guest speakers Jacqueline Aguirre De La O and Kathy Michelle Chacon shared their inspiring stories on how their international experiences opened new doors to the Gates Cambridge Scholarship and Charles Rangel Graduate Scholarship.

THE CHANCELLOR'S RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PRESENTS:

THE HIGHS AND LOWS OF UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

DATE: Thursday, May 16
TIME: 12-1 PM

2201 Student Services Building

Learn what being an undergraduate researcher is like from senior undergraduate researchers at UCR. We will share our best experiences as well as our challenges. We will provide advice on how to get involved, how to distinguish yourself, and learn from the experience.

For questions contact: UGR@UCR.EDU



THE CHANCELLOR'S RESEARCH FELLOWS PRESENT:

THE IMPACT OF AI ON EDUCATION: PROFESSOR PANEL

As the use of AI grows, professors are dealing with it in different ways. Come learn their views and share with us your thoughts!

WED, MAY 15TH 2-3 PM
@ XCITE, 1ST FLOOR RIVERA LIBRARY

For Questions, Contact: ugr@ucr.edu



THE CHANCELLOR'S RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PRESENTS:

**Making a Positive Impression:
Developing your Self-Narrative & Elevator Pitch**

February 29th, 10-11 am

1127 Hinderaker Hall

Join us to develop your elevator pitch and story! We will cover:

- How to pitch yourself as a qualified candidate (for graduate school, a job interview, award opportunity, and networking opportunities)
- How to develop your personal story/narrative
- Understanding what should be included in an elevator pitch

For ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT: UGR@UCR.EDU



The CRFs are passionate about sharing resources and advice. Their dedication resulted in 5 total events during spring quarter!

Spring 2024 CRF Events

Networking



Thank you to Dr. Cathleen Kaveny, Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar, for meeting with the CRFs and discussing important topics such as cancel culture, conversation, civility, and Establishment and Free exercise.

Socializing



The CRFs celebrated the end of the year and their accomplishments over dinner at El Torrito!

Highlights - CRF End Of The Year Accomplishments



Rayyan Ayoub

Project Title

The Effects of Senescent Cell-Derived Matrix on Naive Fibroblasts

Faculty Mentor

Dr. Joshua Morgan, Bioengineering

Future Plans

Rayyan will be attending UCSD to pursue a PhD in Bioengineering, where his research will focus on tissue engineering disease modeling.

Awards and Recognitions

Barry Goldwater Scholarship, Chancellor Research Fellowship, Phi Beta Kappa Nominee, Tilga Excel+ Scholarship, 2x Edison Stem Scholarship, 2x Middle-Class Scholarship, Bilderback Endowed Scholarship, UCLA/UCSF Amgen Scholar Program Acceptance, UCR Travel Grant, UCR Mini-Research Grant, UCR Scholarship, Best Beginner Biohack, XYZ Drivers, Chancellor List, Dean List, Lean Six Sigma LinkedIn Certification



Emily Bomortino

Project Title

Delivery of Neuregulin-1 Through an Osmotic Transport Device

Faculty Mentor

Dr. Victor Rodgers, Bioengineering

Future Plans

Emily plans on attending UCSD to pursue a master's degree in Bioengineering with Medical Device Specialization. With her master's, she hopes to continue research in industry to develop medical devices and treatments. This summer, Emily will be attending an Engineering Summer 2024 Internship at Applied Medical in Rancho Santa Margarita, CA. She'll be working with other engineers mainly with 3D modeling and printing fixtures for medical devices. To celebrate her graduation she will also be taking a cruise to Hawaii!

Awards and Recognitions

Dimitrios Morikis Bioengineering Scholarship, Honors Excellence in Research, Hays Capstone Project Fellowship, Graduating with Magna Cum Laude



Chloe Georgiou

Project

Protocols for Multi-Party Asset Swaps

Faculty Mentor

Dr. Marek Chrobak, Computer Science and Engineering

Future Plans

Chloe plans to attend UCI for a PhD in Computer Science. She will be researching a number of topics including security, cryptography, computer security, privacy, and applied cryptography.

Awards and Recognitions

UCR Chancellor's Research Fellowship, ArrowHeart Scholarship Recipient

Highlights - CRF End Of The Year Accomplishments



Marcos Reyes

Project Title

Improving Vulnerable Patients' Trust in Healthcare in LatinX and Indigenous Mexican Farm Working Communities in the Eastern Coachella Valley

Faculty Mentor

Dr. Ann Cheney; Social Medicine, Population & Public Health

Future Plans

Marcos will attend the UCR School of Medicine.

Awards and Recognitions

UCR Chancellor's Research Fellowship, The University Honors Excellence in Research Scholarship, The Social Justice Capstone Project Scholarship, The Highlander Impact Award, University Honors Ambassador, Chancellor's Research Fellow representative to meet Under Secretary of Education James Kvaal



Hong Yi (Alfred) Koo

Project Title

That's why patience is a virtue: the underlying links between patience and eudaimonic well-being

Faculty Mentor

Dr. Kate Sweeny, Psychology

Future Plans

Alfred will attend the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor for a PhD in Social Psychology and will continue to pursue research.

Awards and Recognitions

UCR Chancellor's Research Fellowship



Ankita Ahluwalia

Project Title

The Effects of the Empower Hour Program on Ramona High School Students' Academic Success and College Readiness

Faculty Mentor

Dr. Alice Lee, School of Education

Future Plans

Ankita plans on taking a gap year to continue working in Biopharma and Ed-Tech industry. She will also be focusing on her nonprofit management which is based on her research with Dr. Lee. Together, they plan on implementing more impactful after-school programs at different school sites! She also plans on applying to grad school in the future.

Awards and Recognitions

UCR Chancellor's Research Fellowship, Strauss Grant Recipient, UC Innovation Ambassador, UCR President, Congressional Award of Achievement

Highlights - CRF End Of The Year Accomplishments



Maria Plascencia-Mooradian

Project Title

The Relation Between Immigrants' Life Experiences and Emotional Functioning

Faculty Mentor

Dr. Elizabeth Davis, Psychology

Future Plans

Maria will be working post-graduation at the University of California, San Francisco as a Clinical Research Coordinator.

Awards and Recognitions

UCR Chancellor's Research Fellowship, Dean's list, Chancellor's list



Ibrahim Maaz

Project Title

Uncovering the Role of PUS7 Microexon in Neuronal Development

Faculty Mentor

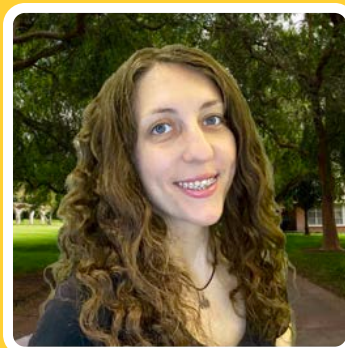
Dr. Jernej Murn, Biochemistry

Future Plans

Ibrahim will attend Stanford University for a PhD in Biochemistry. He will continue working on research at the intersection of neuroscience and biochemistry.

Awards and Recognitions

UCR Chancellor's Research Fellowship, UCR Senior Chancellor's Research Fellow, UCR RISE, Goldwater Scholarship



Melita Kyritsi-Loper

Project Title

Greek Iron Age Sword Burials: Conflict, Community, and the City-State

Faculty Mentor

Dr. Denver Graninger, History

Future Plans

Melita will continue working as a UCR NAGPRA (Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act) program student assistant following graduation. At the NAGPRA, Melita will work closely with UCR's Repatriation Coordinator to facilitate effective consultation and relationship building with tribal partners locally and nationwide. She is applying for various Archaeological Technician positions for Cultural Resource Management companies. In this role, she will conduct surveys, test excavations, write reports, and perform construction monitoring at developmental sites in support of protecting and recording cultural sites and artifacts. She wants to start a family and eventually apply to graduate school.

Awards and Recognitions

Honors Program, UCR Chancellor's Research Fellowship, UCR Steven Mandeville-Gamble Anthropology Research Award, 2x Regents Transfer Scholarships, Zaharopoulos Scholarship, College Corps Climate Action Fellowship

Highlights - CRF End Of The Year Accomplishments



Aracely Gonzalez

Project Title

Hybrid organic polymer-molecular Silicon cluster as anode material for Lithium-ion batteries

Faculty Mentor

Dr. Timothy Su, Chemistry

Future Plans

Aracely will attend Columbia University for a PhD in Chemistry. She will travel home to Mexico before continuing research in materials chemistry in a joint research group at Columbia this summer.

Awards and Recognitions

American Honda Honors Science/Engineering Endowed Fund, American Chemical Society Bridge Travel and Professional Development Award, Honors Engagement Scholarship, Chancellor's Research Fellow, Dean's and Chancellor's Honor List, Honors Excellence in Research (HEIR) Scholarship, Donald C. Young Endowed Scholarship, Nathaniel T Coleman Endowed Scholarship, Columbia Provost Diversity Fellowship



Melika Rezanejad

Project Title

Potential axon protection by SARM1 inhibition in an optic nerve crush model

Faculty Mentor

Dr. Seema Tiwai-Woodruff, Biomedical Sciences

Future Plans

Melika will continue her volunteering and leadership efforts at the Free Clinics. She plans to work as a medical assistant and shadow physicians while applying to medical school. After applying to medical school, she plans to take Spanish classes at a local community college to improve her Spanish proficiency so she can better help Spanish-speaking patients. She hopes to travel with her family before starting medical school.

Awards and Recognitions

Chancellor's Research Fellowship, Dean's Honors List, Chancellor's Honors List



Grace Tirado

Project Title

Modeling Endothelial Cell Entry into Senescence

Faculty Mentor

Dr. Joshua Morgan, Bioengineering

Future Plans

Grace will attend UCR for a Master's in Bioengineering. She will do a one-year thesis project on Pancreatic cancer treatments. Specifically, she will study how surrounding stromal cells shield pancreatic tumors from chemotherapeutics. She will work to understand if chemical treatments can disrupt the stromal layer in order for chemotherapeutics to be more effective.

Awards and Recognitions

Pioneer Class Scholarship, Goldwater Scholarship Campus Nomination, SciComm @ UCR Undergraduate Student Video Competition, 4x Chancellor's Honor List, Chancellor's Research Fellowship, Senior Fellow, Phi Beta Kappa Membership

Highlights - CRF End Of The Year Accomplishments



Alyssa Fundal

Project Title

Evaluating the Effectiveness of Social Responsibility-Based Poster Messaging at Demotivating Food Waste Behaviors in UCR Residential Dining Halls

Faculty Mentor

Dr. Ye Li, Management

Future Plans

Alyssa will be participating in the Coro Fellowship in Public Affairs in Los Angeles. She is considering pursuing a graduate degree after the Coro Fellowship but is excited to see what other opportunities may arise.

Awards and Recognitions

Rosemary S.J. Schraer Award - Environmental Sciences Department Nomination, Coro Fellowship in Public Affairs, Undergraduate Research Travel Mini-Grant, Dr. Manuela and Mr. Randy Sosa Scholarship, GCAP Green Grant, Chancellor's Research Fellowship, Herbert Kraft Scholarship, Highlander Early Start Academy Scholarship, Dean's Honors List



Angie Lopez

Project Title

Three-Dimensional Learning Strategies In Organic Chemistry Courses

Faculty Mentor

Dr. Jack Eichler, Chemistry

Future Plans

Angie will continue in the CRF program as a senior CRF. She hopes to spend this year applying to graduate school in hopes of pursuing a PhD in organic chemistry.

Awards and Recognitions

Senior Chancellor's Research Fellowship, University Honors, American Honda Honors Science/Engineering Endowed Award, Dr. Manuela and Mr. Randy Sosa Scholarship, Karin Moore Gandolfo Memorial Scholarship, 2x CAMP Scholar, RISE CAMP Scholar, Goldwater Campus Nominee, CAMP Award for Organic Chemistry, Undergraduate Research Symposium Best Presenter of CNAS



Dora Nguyen

Project Title

Effect of Parental Overcontrol on Irritability and Anxiety in Latinx Children

Faculty Mentor

Dr. Kalina J. Michalska, Psychology

Future Plans

Dora will act as the Senior CRF for the next school year. She plans to continue her research at the KIND Lab and apply to graduate school in occupational therapy.

Awards and Recognitions

Chancellor's Research Fellowship, Senior Chancellor's Research Fellowship, Judith Stolpa Neveau International Studies Endowed Scholarship, Yonsei University Institute for Higher Education Innovation Award

Advice to Incoming CRFs

Take the chance! Volunteer to lead, be the first one to raise your hand, don't be afraid to share your thoughts to a big room. That was the biggest growth step that the CRF provided me, that you can be a leader simply by practicing doing the things that leaders do. And failure is always going to happen, just know that it's a necessary step to your success! - **Grace Tirado**

Take the first step into new opportunities. - **Rayyan Ayoub**

Be bold and make your dreams a reality. This motto has single handedly changed my life. Failure, rejections, doubts, and all of that is a part of the journey. You have to be bold in the face of adversity and give it everything you've got - whether it be in your academics, research, jobs, or personal life. Be bold and make it all happen.

- **Ankita Ahluwalia**

Don't be afraid to aim high. Put in adequate effort, throw yourself out there, then life will award you with unexpected surprises! - **Hong Yi Koo**

Enjoy it while it lasts! There are going to be a lot of highs and lows throughout your research journey, so savor the memories when they happen. Get to know your cohort and take advantage of every opportunity because the year will be over before you know it. During the lows, remember the reasons you were motivated to apply to the CRF in the first place. You deserve to be here! - **Alyssa Fundal**

Do not be set in stone in your ideas for what your future should be; be fluid and see where life takes you. Never become too focused on the goal and miss the beauty of these moments; enjoy the college experience have fun, study hard, and live a life that you are proud of. - **Ibrahim Maaz**

CRF Words of Wisdom

Really look for opportunities and don't be afraid to apply. There were a lot of opportunities I missed out on because I didn't know about them until it was too late.

Ask other people what they know about opportunities. You never know what you might learn. - **Emily Bomortino**

Do not be discouraged by rejection. Rejection is necessary to get on the pathway to success. When conducting research, expected outcomes may not always come true.

That is part of the process. - **Chloe Georgiou**

Focus your research on something you are truly passionate about, build your professional network, and take advantage of the opportunities available to you through CRF. - **Maria Plascencia-Mooradian**

Take advantage of your time as a CRF, I recommend you engage with CRFs and CUREL faculty. - **Marcos Reyes**

Take the opportunities that come your way! Do not shy away from trying; you truly never know what could happen. Many of the wonderful experiences I have had during my time at UCR came from going after things I did not imagine I would receive. It is better to try and fall short than to never attempt at all. - **Aracely Gonzalez**

Don't be afraid to reach out for help or advice from your fellow CRFs and as well as Gladis! Everyone is very supportive and more than happy to help. Being able to talk to your peers about your research and sharing both your progress and setbacks can be very beneficial. And most importantly, believe in yourself and keep pushing even when things get tough or seem "impossible." - **Melika Rezanejad**

Make sure to manage your time wisely but don't overextend yourself! Develop your relationship with your faculty mentor as much as possible and get involved in your department and/or relevant academic clubs during your time at UCR and as a CRF.

Have fun! - **Melita Kyritsi-Loper**

Highlighted CRF: Rayyan Ayoub

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow (NSF GRFP)
UC San Diego Bioengineering PhD Candidate

What did your process of applying to the NSF GRFP entail?

My journey to apply to the NSF GRFP began in the summer of 2024 when I fully committed to pursuing a Ph.D. Having previously applied for scholarships, I had a strong rough draft for my personal statement that only needed minor tweaks. However, I felt I was starting late because I had to develop a new research proposal within three months. During this time, I was interning full-time at Genentech, which made it challenging to find enough time for a thorough literature review. To address this, I dedicated my weekends and nights to reading two research articles a day and setting strict deadlines to send new ideas or drafts to my PI, Joshua Morgan, Ph.D. By the time I completed my proposal and personal statement, each document had undergone nearly ten rounds of edits from my PI, Gladis Herrera-Berkowitz, Jennifer A. Kavetsky, and lab members. Preparing the application materials took approximately three months. My biggest advice is to set clear deadlines and communicate frequently with your advisors about your goals, ideas, and progress.

What inspired you to apply for this award?

Throughout my academic career, my family's financial challenges always placed a burden on my ability to participate fully in academics, research, extracurriculars, and hobbies, as I had to work at In-N-Out for the majority of my undergraduate experience. Being awarded the NSF GRFP relieves the need to obtain funding for my Ph.D. and allows me to fully focus on my goals and future plans. Furthermore, the experience of learning and practicing my scientific writing and analysis skills was amplified during my application process, a common skill missing in new graduates.



Rayyan Ayoub
Bioengineering
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Joshua Morgan

What was your reaction to receiving this award and how does it help your plans for the future?

Surprisingly, my advisors, mentors and future PhD advisor all knew about my award before I did. Upon hearing the news, I was extremely grateful to be fully-funded for the next five years of my education. This award not only impacts me personally but also serves as a potential source of inspiration for other Muslim men and women looking to pursue careers in STEM. Similarly to the network I was introduced to from Barry Goldwater, I hope to connect and learn from previous NSF GRFP winners on how they learned from, faced and overcame challenges.

Did you ever have a sense of doubt during the application process?

During my application process, I was aware of the competitiveness, and time commitment of this award. I was aware of the chances that I may not be awarded. However, when applying to competitive and prestigious scholarships it's vital to concentrate on the hours and hours of work you have prepared and performed to apply for these awards. As one of my mentors once told me, "If you spend excessive time worrying on the doubt of success, you'll never start to see any success." Therefore, I utilized negative thoughts as motivation to become a great scientist. An example: "I don't think I am smart enough for this award" to "I am deficient in this field; I take action through studying this field every day for one hour." Lastly, I was conscious that this award would not only support myself but indirectly my family and loved ones.

How did your experience as a Chancellor's Research Fellow help you in your application process?

During my time applying for NSF GRFP, I was not engaged with CRF due to my summer internship. However, the board members and advisors of CRF such as Gladis Herrera-Berkowitz, Jennifer A. Kavetsky, Joshua Morgan, and Robert McKee played a vital role in support, revising and letter of recommendation writing of the NSF GRFP.

Highlighted CRF: Alyssa Fundal

CORO Fellowship in Public Affairs in LA

What was your process of applying to CORO?

I started the application process later than I would have liked. I began drafting my essays during the beginning of Fall Quarter, a feat that my other academic commitments made difficult. The application process of these prestigious awards could be a full-time job in and of itself and I wanted to dedicate every minute to it! I wrote and rewrote; I had everyone within arms' reach of my social circle read my essays, and I rewrote again.

I reached out to my friends and professors, CUREL staff, and Coro alumni to get their opinions about my application. The more eyes you can get on your materials the better! However, the more opinions you receive, the more likely you are to get conflicting opinions. I learned that it's important to not let your own voice get lost during the process. Remember that no one knows your story better than you do!

The application process, as well as the grueling 9-hour long group interview for the finalists, were some of the most intensive things I've ever done. However, they also helped me solidify my story, motivations, and self-narrative more than anything I've ever done. I learned so much about myself in the application process that I would have been content even if I was rejected!

What inspired you to apply for this award?

Gladis Herrera-Berkowitz and my current CRF project. Gladis is the one that initially told me about the award, matching me with Coro after learning about my past experiences, current research, and future interests. I would not have known about, much less applied for, Coro if it weren't for her support!

If Gladis is *who* inspired me to apply, my CRF project is *what* inspired me. Working on a low-cost, logistically-feasible food waste tracking system for the university was an entirely ambitious and fulfilling experience. Problem-solving with a partnering organization, presenting to stakeholders, project management, and leading a team are all skills that I directly cultivated because of my CRF project.



Alyssa Fundal
Environmental Sciences &
Psychology
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Ye Li

What was your reaction to receiving this award and how does it help your plans for the future?

Honestly? Conflicted. It wasn't unrestrained and immediate celebration, as one might have expected. The stipend they offered me was less-than-ideal, considering that I would have to move to LA for the entirety of the nine-month fellowship. I was actually very close to declining! With the understanding of the Coro recruiters, I was able to negotiate for a higher stipend and ultimately accepted. After further deliberation and discussions with Coro alumni, I was reminded of why I applied to Coro in the first place. I was drawn to its unique "try everything and see what you like" approach, which closely resonates with my own academic journey. The fellowship also cultivates a lot of the skills I want to further develop, and serves as my foot in the door into public policy—a field I want to explore as a potential career!

Did you ever have a sense of doubt during the application process?

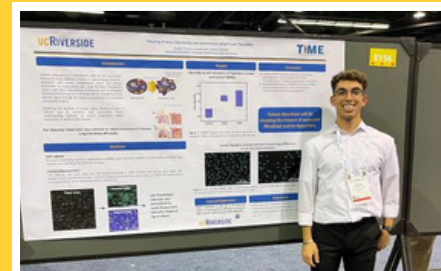
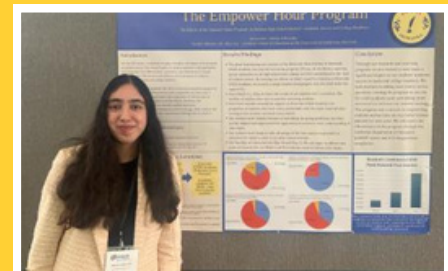
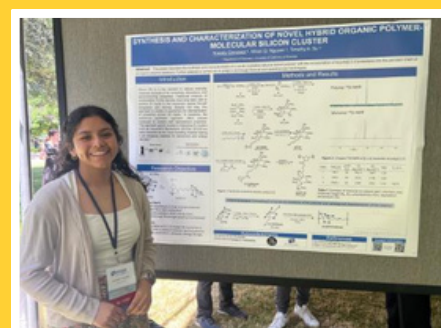
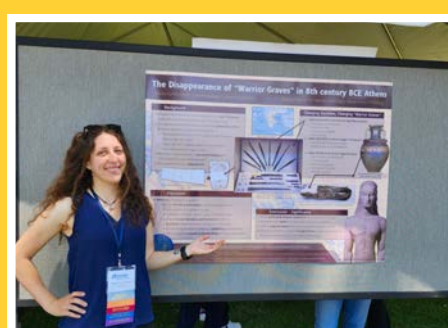
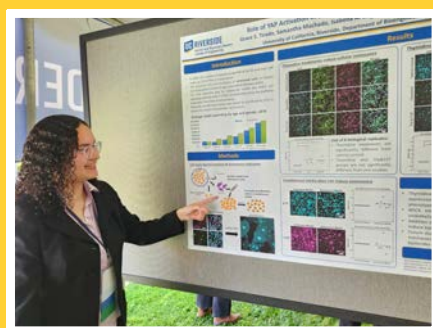
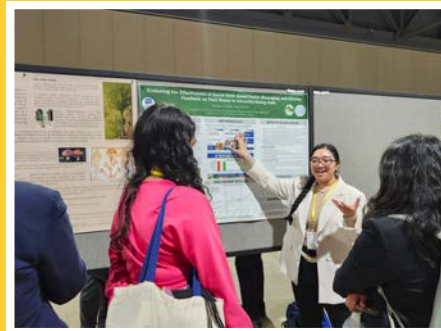
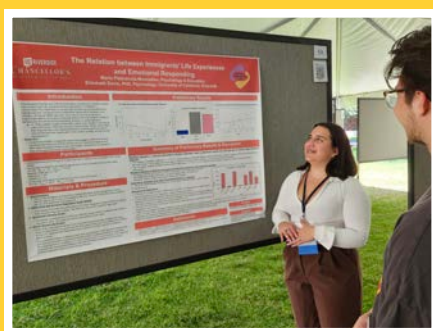
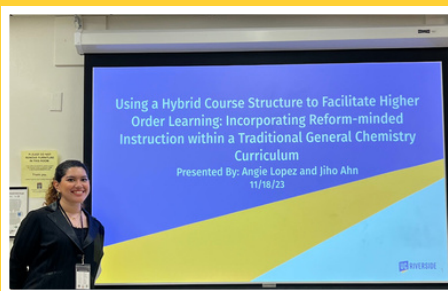
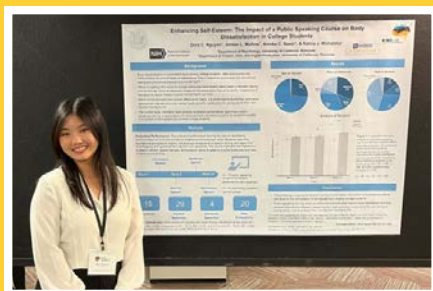
Absolutely, incessantly, and through every step of the process.

How did your experience as a Chancellor's Research Fellow help you in your application process?

Overcoming self-doubt and impostor syndrome while applying to a prestigious campus award such as the CRF made me realize that I was more capable than I was initially giving myself credit for. After realizing that I was not only capable of being selected as a CRF, but capable of thriving within such a prestigious program, I gained the self-confidence to apply for more prestigious awards, such as Coro. My CRF project was also a significant talking point in my application essays. I wouldn't have discovered my desire to expand my project management and leadership skills in Coro if I hadn't initially cultivated them during my CRF project.

CRF Research Presentations

All the CRFs worked hard to make major strides in their research projects and present their research at different conferences & symposiums.



CRF Mentorship Program

The Chancellor's Research Fellowship mentorship program was launched in October 2022. Each CRF was matched with 2 second-year undergraduates to assist them in joining ongoing research on campus. Congratulations to the 2023-2024 mentee cohort for all their accomplishments!

Mentee Accomplishments

Phiphi Dinh

UC LEADS

Bourns College of Engineering Ambassador
Researcher working with Dr. Chung-Hao Lee in the Biomechanics and Biomaterials Lab

David Ranai

Researcher in Steve Choi's Experimental Cosmology lab
Digital Agriculture Fellowship
Researcher working with Dr. Chung-Hao Lee in the Biomechanics and Biomaterials Lab

Yaser Naji

Researcher in the Murn Lab, Biochemistry
Bourns College of Engineering Ambassador
Future Physician Leaders Summer Program

Camille Cabebe

TEACH Lab with Dr. Annie Ditta
AD LAB with Dr. Tuppet Yates
Presenting poster at RPSYC conference
MSRIP

Nadya Hernandez-Ioannidis

Smithsonian Museum Conservation Institute Summer Internship
Researcher working with Dr. Sugiyama and Dr. Stanton in two Archaeology Labs

Mentee Cohort

*Phiphi Dinh
Kai Bernard
Anna Kim
David Ranai
Laura Canon
Anisha Nawar
Hannah Alcocer
Kelli Nguyen
Jia Ling Ma
Ani Kosoyan
Alexa Zelaya
Simon Andal
Camille Cabebe
Trusha Bhagwat
Joey Yang
Wesley Hur
Haoyue Wang
Jocelyn Tran
Richard Zhou
Abdullah Siddiqui
Roshini Rangarajan
Bella Finn
George Babik
Jayanth Samala
Yaser Naji
Jesus Ochoa Camez
Jade Huang
Nadya Hernandez
Carson Petkovich*

CRF Mentorship Program

Mentee Accomplishments

Roshini Rangarajan

1st Place Winner, AI Pitch Competition, UC Riverside AGSM
Online Codepath Fellowship Program
Researcher in the INSPIRE Lab for AI/ML

Haoyue Wang

Summer RISE Program
Researcher working with Dr. Hongdian Yang in the Yang Lab for Neuroscience

Ani Kosoyan

Researcher working in Dr. David A. Rosenbaum's Lab for Cognition and Action

Jocelyn Tran

Summer RISE 2024, working with Dr. Fatemeh Khodadadi in the Subtropical Trees Pathology Lab,
Microbiology and Plant Pathology

Simon Andral

Researcher in the Chaturvedi Lab, in the field of virology

Phiphi Dinh



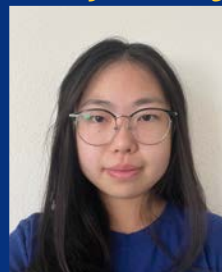
Camille Cabebe



Roshini Rangarajan



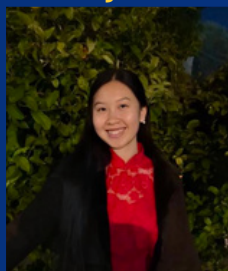
Haoyue Wang



Yaser Naji



Jocelyn Tran



Nadya Hernandez - Ionnidis



Simon Andral



Ani Kosoyan



David Ranai



2024 Spring Reception

Welcome 2024-2025 CRF Cohort

Jacob Hensley
Jonathan Arredondo
Amelia Schoch
Nicole DSouza
Alexa Zelaya
Ariana Gonzalez-Alcazar
Sierra Sutton
Joseph Feldman-Peterson
DKwon (Anzie) Pyo
Madison Juliana Oliva
Hannah Moore
Omisha Sangani
Sreenidhi Surineni
Janna Soliman
Christian Macaluso
Ulises Mata



Mentee Awards

Engagement Award

Yaser Naji, Haoyue Wang, Alexa Zelaya,
Ani Kosoyan

Professional Development

Roshini Rangarajan, Phiphi Dinh

Research Award

Camille Cabebe, Jocelyn Tran, Nadya
Hernandez-loannidis



Mentorship Committee Events

Mentorship Committee focuses on putting on workshops to help students learn about different careers, experiences, and opportunities.

Fall Events

**Demystifying Research Panel
(STEM)**

**Public Speaking Series I: How
to Master Public Speaking
Workshop**

**Demystifying Research Panel
(STEM & CHASS)**

**Demystifying Research Panel
(CHASS)**

**Resume Writing Workshop
HIP Panel**

Winter Events

**How to Form Connections with
Professors - Student Perspective
Developing Organization Skills
Earning Letters of Recommendation
- Faculty Perspective**

**Public Speaking Series II: Presenting
Yourself - Developing You Elevator
Pitch and Self-Narrative
Interview Practice**

Spring Events

**Public Speaking
Series III: How to
Present at a
Symposium**

**Highs and Lows of
Undergraduate
Research**



Leadership Committee Events

Leadership Committee focuses on putting together campus wide events with guest speakers to help students learn about different careers, experiences, and opportunities.

Fall Events

**Crash Course on
Public Speaking
Grad Dean Talk
CORO Campus-
Wide Visit
Applying to
Graduate School
Prestigious Awards
& Scholarships**

Winter Events

**Talk with Vice Provost
Louie Rodriguez
The Graduate Student
Experience
Lunch with Nobel
Laureate Richard
Schrock
Study Abroad Panel
Medical School Panel**

Spring Events

**Journey of
Resiliency: UCR
Latinas Growing
Professionally
through International
Experiences
Phi Beta Kapp Visiting
Scholar
Impact of AI Professor
Panel**

CRF Important Dates



Summer Events

- **July: CRF Orientation**
- **July-August:** Schedule appointment to meet with Gladis - Bring Resume
- **August** - CRF Summer Meeting
- **September:** Respond to Availability Doodle for Fall Meetings - Once date and time is confirmed **PUT A HOLD ON YOUR CALENDAR**
- **September:** Peer Mentor Planning Meeting



Future Events

- **October:** Lunch with Chancellor Wilcox & Diane Del Buono
- **April 2025:** CRF Application Deadline
- **May 2025:** Dinner at Chancellor Wilcox's home
- **June 2025:** Spring CRF Reception



Quarterly Reports

Due the 1st Friday of Each Quarter (except spring)

- 9/27 Summer Report Due
- 1/10 Fall Report Due
- 4/4 Winter Report Due
- 6/5 Spring End of Year Report Due (Last Day of Instruction)

Thank You 2023-2024 CRF Cohort



Gladis Herrera-Berkowitz
Director of Student
Engagement & Chancellor's
Research Fellowship

The CRFs would like to thank Gladis for her constant support and guidance throughout the year. She is a big reason for the program's excellence. We owe our success to her invaluable contributions!



Thank you to the 2023-2024 CRF cohort! We wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors. May you achieve great success and find joy in every step of your journey! Please keep in touch as we would love to hear about your future accomplishments!



Thank you to our 2023-2024 Senior CRFs for all their help and hard work the past year in improving the CRF program!

Grace Tirado, Leadership Lead
Ibrahim Maaz, Mentorship Lead



Congratulations to the 2024-2025 Senior CRF recipients!

Dora Nguyen, Leadership Lead
Angie Lopez, Mentorship Lead

engage.ucr.edu/research/chancellor_fellowship

Thank you from the newsletter editing team