

## **OTHER PEERS BENEFITS**

### **Block Scheduling**

PEERS staff assists students with enrolling in their core Math and Chemistry classes during their freshman year. As a result, all freshman are enrolled in the same lectures and workshops as other PEERS students.

### **Undergraduate Research**

PEERS students are encouraged to engage in undergraduate research. We provide assistance in identifying appropriate faculty mentors and obtaining financial support for research during the academic year and summer.



### **Career Exploration**

PEERS students participate in various career awareness activities. Speakers from varying science fields and industries introduce career opportunities for graduates with a Science or Mathematics degree.

### **Academic Advancement Program**

All PEERS students are eligible for AAP. Students who attend the required orientation will be enrolled in AAP and have access to academic advising, peer learning (tutoring), and a host of other opportunities to promote academic excellence.

While PEERS will require you to work hard, the benefits you gain will make the program a worthwhile and rewarding experience. Let us help make your years at UCLA challenging, satisfying and fun!

## **APPLYING TO PEERS**

### **Eligibility**

You are eligible to apply to PEERS if you have a strong interest in a career in Science or Mathematics. Special consideration is given to applicants whose personal backgrounds may impact their retention and graduation from UCLA.

If you have experienced any social or environmental barriers that might affect your academic experience or performance, including a low family income or being a first generation college student, please include this information in your application.

### **Apply online at:**

[www.eeb.ucla.edu/PEERS](http://www.eeb.ucla.edu/PEERS)

### **Deadline:**

Sunday, April 22, 2018

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# **UCLA PEERS**

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## WHAT IS PEERS?

The UCLA Program for Excellence in Education and Research in the Sciences (PEERS) is an intensive 2-year program promoting academic excellence and professional development for students interested in careers in the Sciences or Mathematics. The primary objective of the program is to increase the number of students who develop a strong foundation in the sciences and want to make research and/or teaching a part of their life's work.

The goal of PEERS is to provide a complete program for Life Science and Physical Science students. The aim is to bond students to a community and prepare them to graduate from UCLA with an excellent understanding of their chosen field. PEERS provides students with informal contact with graduate students and faculty, meaningful research experiences, and the confidence to enter competitive graduate or professional programs.

### **We encourage you to apply!**

PEERS is a collaborative effort of the Departments of Mathematics, Chemistry & Biochemistry, Physics & Astronomy, the Division of Life Sciences, the Academic Advancement Program (AAP), the College of Letter & Science and the Undergraduate Research Center - Sciences.

## PEERS EXCEL WORKSHOPS

EXCEL (Excellence through Collaboration for Efficient Learners) workshops are an integral part of the success of the PEERS program. EXCEL workshops meet twice per week for 1.5 hours. Advanced graduate students serve as facilitators to lead workshops in the various Math, Chemistry and Physics disciplines.

Facilitators design worksheets to deepen your understanding of the course materials and to develop your problem solving skills. Through the collaborative learning techniques used in these workshops, you will acquire strong study skills and develop support groups that will facilitate your success as an undergraduate and in your future studies.



## PEERS COUNSELING

PEERS students are assigned to a particular counselor and work with them through both years in the program. In quarterly counseling meetings, students plan their courses, learn better study and time management habits, give feedback about the program, and answer any questions students may have. Students also meet with their departmental counselor once a year to discuss major requirements.

## PEERS EXCEL WORKSHOPS

Each Fall quarter PEERS students take a 1 hour per week seminar. The freshman seminar facilitates a smooth transition to the University. Students will learn key strategies for success such as time management, effective study skills and test preparation. We also introduce you to undergraduate research through scientific poster sessions, lab tours and panels with student researchers.

The Sophomore seminar focuses on exploring various majors and career paths in science. You will get the chance to talk to professors, as well as, professionals in other science careers. In addition, you will learn how to get into research by attending workshops on how to write a resume and cover letter and attend informational sessions on research scholarships.

## PEERS EVENTS

Each quarter there will be a number of PEERS events intended to develop friendships outside of the classroom and to create a sense of community among PEERS Scholars. Events include research talks by distinguished UCLA professors, poster sessions and other social events.