



## PSMS Starters Application 2014-2015 College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics National Science Foundation:

**Application Deadline: 5:00pm, Friday, Nov. 14, 2014**

### ***PSMS Starters Program Information and Application Procedure/Checklist***

PSMS Starters receive need-based scholarships and participate in activities designed to facilitate their scholastic and professional development and to prepare them for careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) disciplines.

- Have access to Supplementary Instruction (SI) courses and tutoring to support coursework
- Attend workshops and activities of the college's science learning community designed to provide specialized training that will support your career development
- Meet regularly with an advisor in the student's major to help keep the student on track to their degree
- Receive a need-based scholarship up to **\$6400/year** to enable the student to focus on their scholastic potential

### ***To apply for the PSMS Starters program, please review the requirements listed below:***

- Enrolled at CSULB Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 as an undergraduate student
  - *(Post-baccalaureate/second bachelor students are not eligible.)*
- Be a *declared* BS-major in Chemistry, Earth Science, Geology, Mathematics, or Physics
- Must be a US Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Be eligible for need-based Federal financial aid
- Eligible to take MATH 122 and a minimum "C" grade in MATH 111/113 or math placement exam (Students who are currently making successful progress towards their eligibility to take MATH 122 can be considered on an individual basis.)
- Agree to provide tracking data and be part of longitudinal research and tracking of graduate studies or professional placement. CSULB will provide the appropriate forms and will work with alumni members to submit the tracking information

### ***To Complete Your Application, please submit a packet containing the following:***

**Fill out Application Form (See Attached Form)**

**1 page, double-spaced personal narrative** to address your background (who you are), what motivated you to select your major, the barriers you have faced during the education, and your career goals. We use a holistic review process, so the personal narrative gives us an understanding of your life experiences

**One (1) letter of recommendation** from a high school science teacher or your community college or CSULB faculty member

*Submit your completed application to the faculty member from your major department:*

Chemistry: Paul Buonora, [paul.buonora@csulb.edu](mailto:paul.buonora@csulb.edu)

Geology: Lora Landon-Stevens, [lora.stevens@csulb.edu](mailto:lora.stevens@csulb.edu)

Mathematics: Jen-Mei Chang, [sheauguai@gmail.com](mailto:sheauguai@gmail.com)

Physics: Chuhee Kwon, [chuhee.kwon@csulb.edu](mailto:chuhee.kwon@csulb.edu)

*Applications completed by **Friday, November 14, 2014 by 5:00pm** will be given priority consideration. Any applications received later will be considered only as space is available. Applicants who meet the eligibility criteria will be notified of interview. **Interviews will be conducted in November or December.***



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**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Last Name:

First Name:

Address:

Cell phone:

Email:

CSULB ID#:

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

SS#:

I am a:  U.S. Citizen  Permanent Resident  Other

Gender:  Male  Female

Are you eligible for need based financial aid?  Yes  No  Not Sure

EOP:  Yes  No

Financial Aid You Currently Receive:

How did you hear about us?  Fliers/Posters  Current Participant  Academic Advisor  Website  Class Visit

**ABOUT YOURSELF**

Jobs you hold or have held over the last three years:

Internships held over the last three years:

Activities outside school/work:



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#### DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Please indicate which of the following categories you identify with. You may check more than one.

**Race:**  Alaskan Native (Eskimo or Aleut) or American Indian  Asian  Black or African American  
 Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander  White  Unknown  Decline to State

**Ethnicity:**  Hispanic or Latino

**Disability:**  Hearing  Visual  Mobility  Learning  Other (Description of Other Disability) \_\_\_\_\_  
 No Disability  Decline to State

#### ACADEMIC INFORMATION

**Current Academic Standing:**  Freshmen  Sophomore **Community College Transfer:**  Yes  No

**High School or Transfer  
(Community College) GPA:**

**Declared Major:**

**Current (Major) GPA:  
(Community College)**

**Plans following Graduation:**  Professional School (Law, Medicine, Pharmacy)  PhD  Masters  Job  Not Sure

**Current Career Goal (Identify all possibilities):**

**Expected amount of Units Completed by end of Spring 2014:**

**Expected Graduate Date:**

#### RECOMMENDER INFORMATION

**Recommender:**

**Institution:**

**Department:**

**Phone:**

**E-mail:**

*I acknowledge that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the PSMS Program to view my financial aid and academic records in order to verify and fully assess my qualifications.*

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_