

University of California Global Health Institute Center for Planetary Health



Summer Immersion Program 2026 Mentor/Host Application Form

The University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UCANR) promotes healthy people and communities, healthy food systems, and healthy environments by uniting the University of California campuses and extension field program offices throughout the state to conduct research, training, and outreach activities. With a similar goal, the multi-campus Center for Planetary Health (CPH), within the University of California Global Health Institute (UCGHI), seeks to promote integrated solutions for health and the environment, along with Signature Project themes “Farming in the 21st Century” and “Climate, Water and Health.” More on the CPH and the UC Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources can be found here:

<https://ucghi.universityofcalifornia.edu/our-work/planetary-health/>
<https://ucanr.edu/sites/ucanr/>

On the third page you can see the Summer Immersion Application that UC undergraduate and graduate students can fill out to propose a summer project or to match with summer projects and opportunities that mentors propose. If you would like to apply to be a host site for Summer 2026 (June-August), please provide *as much information as possible* below and submit the first two pages to planetaryhealth@ucdavis.edu by **February 20, 2026**. Applications submitted after February 20 will be accepted for consideration on a first come, first serve basis. We will work with selected host sites to create a mentoring team for each student that involves the host site mentor and a UC faculty mentor appropriate for the context of the summer opportunity.

High Level Program Timeline:

Deadline for priority applications.....	February 20, 2026
Candidate interviews begin.....	March 3, 2026
Acceptance notifications sent.....	March 2026
Kick-off Meeting.....	May 2026
Fellowships begin.....	June 2026
Mid-point check-in.....	July 2026
Final deliverables due.....	August 2026

Host Site Application Form

Mentor name:

Email:

Phone number:

Host site name:

Host site address:

Level of preferred student undergraduate/graduate/other:

Is student housing available on site? If yes, is there a fee?

Do you need funding through the immersion program to support your student? Some mentors have had grant funding to hire a student directly, while others need Summer Immersion Program stipend funding to support their student completing a summer project:

Detailed description of the summer project or opportunity (please include if the student would be interacting with you remotely, hybrid, or in-person, and if in-person, where). Note that we can try to match students with projects/opportunities you propose, and/or can match you with summer projects that the students might propose. This can be explored during the application review and interview cycle in March/April:

Any required student prerequisites/qualifications (courses, skills, etc.):

Expected learning outcomes for fellow:

Please note 2-3 interview questions specific to the summer opportunity that would help choose the best candidate.

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Summer Immersion Program 2026 Student Application Form

Thank you for your interest in the Summer Immersion Program, coordinated by the [UCGHI Center for Planetary Health](#) in partnership with the [University of California Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources \(UC ANR\) Cooperative Extension](#) and other host organizations. This program offers students a unique opportunity to propose a summer project or to be matched with summer projects and opportunities that mentors propose related to natural resources, agriculture, climate change, health, nutrition, youth development, and/or environmental policy.

Selected students are expected to attend the 2026 Summer Immersion Kick-off Orientation in May. The orientation is designed to introduce students to effective strategies for science outreach and stakeholder engagement.

If you would like to be considered for funding priority, please submit the applicant information and supporting materials requested below to planetaryhealth@ucdavis.edu by **9:00 am PST on February 20, 2026**. Following submission of their applications, applicants will be asked to review and rank (based on preference) specific fellowship opportunities. Interviews will be conducted, and successful applicants will be matched to the fellowship opportunities based on interest and best fit. Applications submitted after February 20, 2026, will be accepted for consideration on a first come, first serve basis. Further information about the program as well as the desired skills, experience, and qualities of the fellows can be found below. Please direct any questions about the fellowship program or application to planetaryhealth@ucdavis.edu.

High Level Program Timeline:

Deadline for priority applications.....	February 24, 2026
Candidate interviews begin.....	March 3, 2026
Acceptance notifications sent.....	March 2026
Kick-off Meeting.....	May 2026
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UC DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Organization Website: <https://ucanr.edu/sites/ucanr/>

Fellowship Location (City, State): UC ANR Cooperative Extension Field Offices in California

Examples of activities that the fellow may be involved in:

- Developing and delivering outreach and educational material for youth, families and community programs.
- Research to investigate waterborne diseases, assess resource utilization, and improve farming practices in California.
- Creating training materials for programs evaluating the benefits of integrated pest management in agriculture using a One Health approach.

Desired skills, experience, and qualities of the fellow:

- Undergraduate or graduate student status at a UC campus.
- Minimum GPA 2.8 to be eligible for the fellowship.
- Strong desire to learn, proactive and solution-oriented attitude, excellent written and verbal communication skills, and critical thinking and analytical skills.
- Ability to analyze and synthesize complex information from various sources.
- Ability to work and communicate with diverse stakeholders.
- Confident, self-motivated, well-organized, and able to work independently and on teams.

Other host organizations include CDPH, DOC, and UC Faculty, as well as UC campus units

Applicant Information:

Name:

Email:

Phone number:

Home address:

UC Campus:

Major/Degree program:

Year Completed and Expected Graduation:

Current GPA:

Have you applied to SIP in previous years:

Application Support Material:

1. Resume including education, employment, honors, and publications
2. Contact information for three references
3. Personal statement that describes your interests, career goals, which institution(s) (DOC and/or UC ANR Cooperative Extension) you would be interested in working with for your fellowship, and what you hope to gain from a summer fellowship (1 page maximum).