

University of California Global Health Institute Center for Planetary Health



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 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

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 previous years' program:

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).