



**CSST 2013 SUMMER PROGRAM**  
June 30 – September 6, 2013  
**Information for Prospective Applicants**

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The CSST Summer Program is a 10-week intensive research training and PhD recruitment program. Each student will be enrolled in 12 units of UCLA courses, conduct research under the guidance of a UCLA faculty mentor, and participate in required CSST activities including professional development and networking events. UCLA PhD programs will preview potential PhD applicants' research performance and begin early recruitment for the next year's admission cycle.

This summer's participants will be from 10 universities in China and Japan: Fudan University, Nanjing University, Nankai University, Peking University, Sichuan University, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, University of Science and Technology of China, Xi'an Jiao Tong University, Zhejiang University, and Waseda University.

The specific goals of the CSST Summer Program are to:

- Develop students' research career potentials
- Foster cross-disciplinary interaction and research
- Develop a community of CSST colleagues
- Identify and recruit top students to UCLA PhD programs

**KEY PROGRAM DATES**

Date/Time (to be confirmed)	Description
<b>Week 1:</b> Sunday, June 30	Program Start: Move-In Day
<b>Week 1:</b> Monday, July 1	CSST Orientation
<b>Week 2:</b> Tuesday, July 9 – Thursday, July 11	Peer Seminar: Oral Presentations of Project Plans
<b>Week 9:</b> Tuesday, August 27 – Thursday, August 29	Peer Seminar: Oral Presentations of Project Results
<b>Week 10:</b> Tuesday, September 3	CSST Final Presentations: Poster Presentations
<b>Week 10:</b> Friday, September 6	Program End: Move-Out day

**STUDENT SELECTION**

**Please inquire as soon as possible with your university for application instructions.** A limited number of applicants who meet the following criteria will be selected for the January 2013 CSST interviews:

- Strong interest in UCLA PhD career
- Interest in interdisciplinary study
- Outstanding academic achievement
- Previous research experience
- High English proficiency
- Independent thinking & creativity
- Mature personality
- For Chinese students: Willingness to accept China Scholarship Council (CSC) scholarship for graduate school. <http://www.csc.edu.cn>.



## Timeline

- **Now through early November, 2012**  
Notify your university of your interest in CSST 2013 Summer Program.
- **Late November, 2012**  
CSST invites selected students to apply.
- **December 3, 2012**  
Deadline for selected applicants to submit complete CSST online application packet.
- **December 2012 and January 2013**  
CSST interviews of final applicants.
- **February 2013**  
CSST announces final roster of admitted 2013 Summer Program students.
- **March 2013**  
2013 Summer Program students' mentor wish-lists are due.
- **March through June 2013**  
Mentor matches confirmed, and students receive summer project assignments.
- **June 30, 2013**  
CSST 2013 Summer Program begins; students arrive at UCLA campus.

## PROGRAM EXPENSE

The **estimated** total program expense of \$11,680.00 is shared by UCLA, the partner university, and the student's family. Expenses for Summer 2013 will be **confirmed in May 2013**.

Description	Estimated Cost
CSST Program Fee	\$5,334 (CSST fellowship)
Training & Research Expenses	\$1,030 (UCLA)
UCLA On-Campus Housing & Meals	\$2,945
Airfare	\$1,000
Health Insurance	\$245
Visa Fees (SEVIS, DCISS & F1)	\$651
Personal Expenses	\$475
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,768</b>

Each student will receive a CSST fellowship covering the program fee, which includes tuition and course registration fees. In addition, all research and training costs will be covered by UCLA. Living, travel, and insurance expenses will be shared by the partner university and the student.



## HOUSING

Housing plays an important role in developing a community of CSST colleagues and promoting cross-disciplinary interaction among students. Each student will be assigned a bed in a triple room in UCLA campus housing. All CSST students are required to live in their assigned housing. No exceptions. A meal plan of 15-meals-per week is also included in the housing package.

<http://map.ais.ucla.edu/portal/site/UCLA/menuitem.789d0eb6c76e7ef0d66b02ddf848344a/?vgnextoid=2f925bce67f39010VgnVCM200000dd6643a4RCRD>.

## ENROLLMENT

CSST will enroll each student in 4 units of 199 independent study course with his/her UCLA faculty mentor and 8 units of CSST Colloquium (aka M Pharm 194) with Professor Ren Sun, CSST Director. Course grades will be based upon research performance, CSST program attendance, and personal conduct.

## NOTES

Students are strongly encouraged to take the GRE examination at least once before attending the Summer Program. Although the GRE score is not a requirement for participating in the Summer Program, it will be useful for evaluating the student's admissibility to UCLA PhD programs at the end of the Summer Program. Additionally, taking the exam early will allow students to retake it later if necessary.

We look forward to receiving student applications!