Part I. PROGRAM APPLICATION
Complete the program application provided in this packet.

Part II. STATEMENT OF INTEREST
Write a concise essay concerning your interest in UC LEADS at UCSB and graduate education in general. This essay should address (but is not limited to) the key components listed below. Please feel free to expand upon these components and share any additional information that you feel is relevant to your unique personal or educational history.

- Describe your research area of interest and, if applicable, prior and current research experience.
- Discuss why you are interested in participating in an undergraduate research program and what you feel you can gain from the experience.
- Discuss why you are interested in pursuing a graduate degree and your career objectives.
- Describe your educational background and achievements, providing information on barriers (educational, social, and/or cultural) you may have personally faced and how you overcame them.

Your statement should not exceed 1,000 typed words (single-spaced, 12 point font). Please type your statement of interest and attach it as a separate document.

Part III. RESUME
Include a 1-page resume with your application. Be sure to include any work or laboratory experience that you feel is relevant to your application.

Part IV. UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS
Include a copy of your unofficial transcripts with your application. If you were a transfer student, please also include a copy of your unofficial transcripts displaying previous coursework from the community college.

Part V. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION
One letter of recommendation is required from a faculty advisor, course instructor, TA or employer (one who is familiar with your scientific skills). Provide the recommendation form (Page 5-6) to your recommender and have him/her complete the form. The recommendation must be received by the application deadline and sent directly to UC LEADS program coordinator, Briana Muñoz-Flores, via email at bmunozflores@ucsb.edu.

Your completed application must be received by March 19, 2021.
Please email your completed application to:

Briana Muñoz-Flores
Assistant Director of Outreach, Graduate Division
bmunozflores@ucsb.edu
Part I. PROGRAM APPLICATION: Personal Information

Last Name ___________________________ First Name ___________________________ Middle ___________________________________

Local Street Address ___________________________ City ___________ State ______ Zip Code ___________________________

UCSB Email Address ___________________________ Personal Email Address (option) ___________________________

LinkedIn Account Information ___________________________ Phone Number ___________________________ Date of Birth ___________________________

Gender: ___________________________

Resident Status*: U.S. Citizen: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, are you a Permanent Resident? : ☐ Yes ☐ No

*AB540 students are eligible to apply

Ethnicity: Select all that apply (Information is collected for statistical purposes):

☐ American Indian/Alaska Native
☐ African American/Black
☐ Mexican/Mexican-American/Chican@
☐ Other Hispanic/Latino (includes Cuban, Puerto Rican, Central and South American)
☐ Filipino/Filipino-American
☐ Pacific Islander (includes Micronesian, Polynesian, other Pacific Islanders)
☐ Chinese/Chinese-American
☐ East Indian/Pakistani
☐ Japanese/Japanese-American
☐ Korean/Korean-American
☐ Vietnamese/Vietnamese-American
☐ Other Asian (not including Middle Eastern)
☐ White/Caucasian
☐ Other (please provide explanation):

☐ Decline to State
Parent’s Education (Information is collected for statistical purposes):

Highest education level of Parent 1:
- ☐ Did not graduate high school
- ☐ High school graduate
- ☐ Some college, but no bachelor’s degree
- ☐ 4 year graduate
- ☐ Master’s degree
- ☐ Professional degree
- ☐ Doctoral degree
- ☐ Unknown
- ☐ Decline to State

Highest education level of Parent 2:
- ☐ Did not graduate high school
- ☐ High school graduate
- ☐ Some college, but no bachelor’s degree
- ☐ 4 year graduate
- ☐ Master’s degree
- ☐ Professional degree
- ☐ Doctoral degree
- ☐ Unknown
- ☐ Decline to State

What language(s) did you grow up speaking in your home? ________________________________

Current Education

UCSB Major: __________________________  Expected Date of Graduation: ________________

UCSB Perm ID#: __________  UCSB Current GPA: ________  Number of UCSB Units Completed: ______

Are you a transfer student from a community college?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

If yes, please complete the following:

Name of Community College: __________________________

Cumulative GPA: __________  Date Transferred: __________
**Educational Information**

In a few words, state your educational/career goals:

Do you plan to apply to a graduate program?  ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, when do you anticipate on applying to graduate school?  _____________________________

Which graduate degree are you considering?  ☐ Master's ☐ PhD ☐ Other:

What is your proposed field of graduate study?  _____________________________

What are your top three choices for universities for graduate school?

1. _____________________________
2. _____________________________
3. _____________________________

If you have participated in any of the following programs, please select them from the list below.

☐ Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID)

☐ California Alliance for Minority Participation (CAMP)

☐ Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

☐ Mathematics, Engineering, and Science Achievement (MESA)

☐ Other: _____________________________

How did you learn about UC LEADS Program?

☐ Faculty Advisor/Mentor

☐ Peer(s)

☐ Program Director

☐ Academic Advisor

☐ Career Services

☐ Email Communication

☐ Social Media (Web, Instagram, or Facebook)

☐ Other (please provide explanation):

______________________________
Research Information
Have you participated in undergraduate research? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If you have participated in undergraduate research, please provide the following information. You may list up to 2 research experiences. Please note that prior research experience is not required.

1. Program Name: ________________________________ Dates: ________________________
   Institution/Company: ________________________________ Faculty/Supervisor: ______________________

2. Program Name: ________________________________ Dates: ________________________
   Institution/Company: ________________________________ Faculty/Supervisor: ______________________

Are you currently in a research lab? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Research Information (Continued)
If you are currently in a research lab, please provide your faculty advisor's name and e-mail:

Faculty Advisor: ________________________________ Department: ______________________

Should you be selected into UC LEADS is it your preference to continue with your current faculty advisor and their related lab/group? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Faculty Preferences
Please list two faculty members with whom you wish to conduct research. If accepted in to the program, it is the responsibility of the Scholar to identity and secure a faculty mentor. Information about UCSB faculty members can be found at their respective department websites (http://www.graddiv.ucsb.edu/departments).

1. Faculty: ________________________________ Department: ______________________

2. Faculty: ________________________________ Department: ______________________
To the Applicant:
Your application requires one letter of recommendation from a faculty member who knows you well enough to speak about your qualifications. Complete the following information and ask your recommender to complete the questionnaire at the end of this form and write a letter in support of your application. Please instruct your recommender to return both the letter and this form via email to UC LEADS program coordinator, Briana Muñoz-Flores, at bmunozflores@ucsb.edu.

Name of Applicant: ________________________ __________________________ _______________
Last Name   First     Middle
______________________________________________  ___________________________
Email          Major

To Recommenders:
The goal of the UC LEADS is to prepare and encourage talented scholars from diverse backgrounds to compete for doctoral programs at UCSB and at other University of California campuses. Our research programs are intended to acquaint participants with UCSB faculty and graduate programs, and to familiarize scholars with the nature of graduate work by providing them with experience in an academic research environment. Your response to the questions below and your letter of recommendation will help us assess the applicant's maturity, level of preparation, and potential to benefit from UC LEADS. More information can be found at: http://ucleads.org/.

Please mark the appropriate response below and provide additional comments about the applicant in your written recommendation.

Information Provided by Recommender:
1. I have known the applicant as: ☐ a student ☐ a research assistant ☐ other: _____________
2. I have known the applicant for ☐ years ☐ months
3. Applicant’s achievement reflects his/her ability: ☐ extremely well ☐ very well ☐ not well
4. Applicant’s ability to set realistic & attainable goals: ☐ excellent ☐ good ☐ fair ☐ poor
5. Applicant’s commitment to his/her education is: ☐ excellent ☐ good ☐ fair ☐ poor
6. I know the applicant: ☐ extremely well ☐ moderately well ☐ not well
7. I recommend this applicant: ☐ moderately ☐ enthusiastically ☐ very enthusiastically
Faculty Recommendation
Please provide a written recommendation of this candidate according to your knowledge of her/his work and, if possible, a detailed assessment of the applicant’s research in his/her field thus far. Additional comments about character, integrity or motivation are used to evaluate the applicant’s potential for success and compatibility with the goals of the UC LEADS research program. You may use the space below or attach a letter. Thank you.

Name (print): ____________________________________________________
Title: __________________________
Department: ________________________________
Email: ____________________________

Please submit your recommendation letter on or before March 19, 2021 to:
Briana Muñoz-Flores
Assistant Director of Outreach, Graduate Division
bmunozflores@ucsb.edu