

Thank you for applying for the STEM Advantage program! Our mission is to mentor, prepare and inspire young women and underserved communities, to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Our 360-degree program is comprised of a paid summer internship, mentor and \$5000 scholarship (\$2500 for Fall semester 2017, and \$2500 for Spring semester 2018, if enrolled full-time).

To apply:

- 1) You must be a citizen, national or legal permanent resident of the United States
- 2) You must be currently enrolled and maintain status as a full-time undergraduate student majoring in computer science, computer technology, computer engineering, information systems, engineering or mathematics at California State University Dominguez Hills, California State University Los Angeles, or California State University Northridge. Our plan is to expand to more CSU campuses over time.
- 3) You must be a junior or senior-level undergraduate in Fall Semester 2017
- 4) You must have and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 in your major
- 5) You must have and maintain an overall GPA for the semester of 2.5
- 6) You MUST participate in a full-time summer internship that is STEM-related
- 7) You must pass an internship company's drug test and/or background check, if requested by the company
- 8) You must submit the following application package to Dr. Beheshti (for CSU Dominguez Hills), T.Fox (for CSU Los Angeles), or Teri Alvarado (for CSU Northridge) by October 31, 2016:
 - Completed application, including signed terms & conditions at the end of this document.
The terms & conditions have been reviewed and agreed by the University
 - Two essays (and optional essay, if completed)
 - Two recommendations
 - Resume
 - Unofficial transcript
 - Photo

If you have any questions, please send an email to info@stemadvantage.org

APPLICANT INFORMATION

First name: _____ Last name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State / Zip code: _____

Mobile Phone: _____ Email: _____

Ethnicity: _____ Gender: _____

EDUCATION

College: _____ Year in college (e.g., junior): _____

Degree that you are working towards: _____

GPA in major area of study: _____ Overall GPA: _____

Expected Graduation date (month/year): _____

Most recent high school attended: _____

City / State: _____ Cumulative high school GPA: _____

Graduation year: _____ If you earned GED, provide test date & score: _____

EMPLOYMENT

If you have work experience, please list it below.

Employer: _____ Dates: (month/year to month/year) _____

Paid or unpaid: _____ Hours per week: _____

Description of activities:

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Description of activities:

LEADERSHIP ROLES AND/OR COMMUNITY SERVICE

Please list up to three organizations where you currently hold or have held leadership roles and/or have participated in community service:

Organization: _____ Dates: (month/year to month/year) _____

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Please check all areas in which you would be interested in applying for an internship

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| Business Analysis | <input type="checkbox"/> | Determining/documenting business requirements of a project/program |
| Data Analysis | <input type="checkbox"/> | Collecting, organizing and interpreting information |
| Database Administration | <input type="checkbox"/> | Implementing and maintaining databases |
| List Database(s): | | _____ |
| Development/Programming | <input type="checkbox"/> | Developing or maintaining software programs and applications |
| List Language(s) you know: | | _____ |
| End User Support | <input type="checkbox"/> | Answering questions regarding computers/software/hardware |
| Engineering (please specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Field Technician | <input type="checkbox"/> | Installing or repairing desktop software/hardware |
| Network Administration | <input type="checkbox"/> | Implementing and maintaining network hardware and software |
| Quality Assurance | <input type="checkbox"/> | Testing features of a product for any problems or usability issues |
| Security | <input type="checkbox"/> | Testing & finding vulnerabilities in a system, hardware device or software |
| Server Administration | <input type="checkbox"/> | Implementing and maintaining server hardware and software |
| List Platform(s): | | _____ |
| Technical Writing | <input type="checkbox"/> | Creating or editing technical papers or manuals |
| Website/Mobile Development | <input type="checkbox"/> | Developing and updating websites, mobile programming, social media |
| Other (please specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |

ESSAYS

- 1) Please explain your short- and long-term career goals. (1 page, 12 point font, double spaced)
- 2) Why do you want to be selected for the STEM Advantage program? How will you 'pay it forward'? (1 page, 12 point font, double spaced)
- 3) Optional: Is there anything else you would like to share that may help us evaluate your application? For example, personal characteristics, family circumstances or obstacles that you have overcome.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Provide two recommendations. One must be from a professor or faculty member. The second must be from someone who knows you well, such as a work supervisor, coach, community leader or clergy.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Use of information – I understand that the information and materials provided in this application on my behalf will be used by STEM Advantage, the University, internship companies, and an independent panel of judges in conjunction with the program for purposes of evaluating the application and creating a press release if I am selected to be a STEM Advantage finalist and/or scholar. I consent to the use of such information for this purpose and hereby confirm and represent that I have obtained any and all authorizations, consents or waivers required for such use in order for STEM Advantage, partners and judging panels to review and utilize applicant-provided information and materials in connection with the STEM Advantage program. I agree that the deliberations of the independent panels of judges shall be confidential. I further consent to the use of such information for research, educational or any other purposes as long as such use does not divulge my identity to any other person other than the sponsors, the judges, internship companies and their respective affiliates.

Further, I understand and agree that if I am selected as a STEM Advantage Scholar, the University, STEM Advantage leadership, internship company leadership, and mentors, can share information about my progress in each aspect of the program to help me be successful in all aspects of the program, including but not limited to full-time student, internship, mentorship program, and scholarship recipient, and provide support as appropriate.

Release – In consideration of my participation in the STEM Advantage program, on behalf of myself, my parents, spouse and/or family, I hereby release and forever discharge STEM Advantage and the Board of Directors, mentors, internship companies, partners, employees, agents, representatives, successors and assigns of each and the independent panel of judges from any and all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any nature arising out of or in any way connected with any information or materials submitted in connection with this application or with my participation in the STEM Advantage program, including any events, ceremonies or promotional activities related thereto, as well as the determinations of the independent panels of judges.

Personal Appearance – In consideration of my participation in the STEM Advantage program, I agree to attend up to a total of four STEM promotional events, fundraising events, and/or photo shoots per year. While at these events, I agree to being photographed, audio recorded, digitally recorded, and/or photographically recorded. I agree that any likeness, including, but not limited to, biographical data, picture, portrait, film, videotape, recordings of my voice or any written statements obtained at such appearance is the property of the STEM Advantage program. I agree that no compensation or reimbursement for my out-of-pocket expenses shall be due me or my spouse and/or family for my appearance at such events except that any entrance fees associated with the event shall be paid for by the STEM Advantage program.

Use of photo, etc. – If I am selected for the STEM Advantage program, I hereby give the STEM Advantage Program and its partners, internship companies, employees, agents, representatives, successors, assigns and those acting on its behalf of each of the foregoing entities, the non-exclusive and transferable right, but not obligation, to use, edit, publicize and reproduce freely my name and other likeness, including, but not limited

to, biographical data, picture, portrait, film, videotape, recordings of my voice or any written statements that I provide in connection with the STEM Advantage program, including, but not limited to, the development and publication of marketing material, promotional publications, media publications and coverage, videos and other materials, whether such items are intended for an internal or external audience. I agree that no compensation shall be due me or my spouse and/or family for such usage.

Limitation of liability – In no event will STEM Advantage, its mentors, internship companies, the University or the independent panel of judges be liable to me, my spouse and/or family, for any consequential, incidental, indirect, punitive or special damages in connection with the STEM Advantage program, whether or not liability is based on breach of contract, tort, strict liability, breach of warranty, failure of essential purpose or otherwise, and even if STEM Advantage or the independent panel of judges is advised of the likelihood of such damages.

Disputes – Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to my participation in the STEM Advantage program shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of California. I agree to first submit any claim or controversy arising out of or relating to my participation in the STEM Advantage Program to voluntary mediation. Otherwise, if mediation is not successful, all disputes arising out of this Agreement will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the state and federal courts located in Los Angeles County, California.

Revocation – I understand that the STEM Advantage program and my ability to hold myself out as a STEM Advantage Scholar are subject to revocation and termination. Revocation and/or termination can occur if I have engaged, or am alleged to have engaged, in action that would reflect adversely on the program.

In addition, to maintain my status as a STEM Advantage Scholar, I must maintain my status as a full-time student in a STEM-related major at a California State University (CSU) campus, maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 in my major, maintain an overall GPA for the semester of 2.5, miss no more than 2 mentor meetings annually, and meet agreed upon expectations in the selected internship. Revocation and/or termination as a STEM Advantage Scholar means that any future scholarship rights will be forfeited immediately.

Entire Agreement – This Agreement contains the entire Agreement between the Parties, and supersedes any prior agreements concerning the same subject matter. No representations, oral or otherwise, express or implied, other than those contained herein have been made by any Party hereto.

Modification by Writing Only – This Agreement shall not be modified by any party by oral representation made before or after the execution of this Agreement. All modifications must be in writing and signed by all of the Parties hereto.

Severability of Terms – If any provision of this agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, that determination shall not invalidate or render unenforceable any other provision of this agreement.

I have read this application form, understand its contents and represent that I am legally competent to sign this document and am not aware of any agreement with any other party that would conflict with the terms set forth herein. To the best of my knowledge, the information provided herein is true and complete.

Applicant Name (print): _____

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: If you completed the application electronically, please print the application, sign and date.

Thank you from STEM Advantage!