

Summer Scholars Program



Goal: To support student-assisted community responses to health-threatening conditions of poverty and other social determinants of health.

Program Overview

The **UCLA Blum Center** Summer Scholars Program is a unique opportunity for graduate students to work with Latin American universities, international institutions, governments, and community organizations that are improving the health and social conditions of low-income and vulnerable populations. UCLA faculty members and representatives from host organizations in Latin America provide mentorship for participating students.

Since our 2013 inaugural year, the **UCLA Blum Center** has placed 23 students in research positions throughout Los Angeles and Latin America. Summer Scholars represent a range of graduate programs including: Public Health, Political Science, Latin American Studies, Social Welfare, and Urban and Regional Planning.

As in past years, this year's Summer Scholars are engaging in research covering a range of research interests including: chronic disease epidemiology and treatment; resource allocation for low-resourced communities; prevalence of depression and other mental health conditions; criminal activity analyses and policy implications; and effects of transportation on well-being.



Past and Current Partner Summer Scholar Organizations

Facility	Location
Cayetano Heredia University	Lima, Peru
Central American Resource Center (CARECEN)	Los Angeles, CA
Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas A.C. (CIDE)	Mexico City, MX
FNE International	Leon, Nicaragua
Institute for Mexican Social Security (IMSS)	Cuernavaca, Mexico
National Institute of Public Health	Cuernavaca, Mexico
Pan American Health Organization	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Salud Mesoamérica 2015 Initiative	Panama City, Panama
St. John's Well-Child and Family Center	Los Angeles, CA
Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Nicaragua	Leon, Nicaragua
World Vision	Guatemala City, Guatemala

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