CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM)
UC Davis COMPASS Undergraduate Training Program

Deadline for Application Submission: Friday, January 6, 2023, 5 p.m.

The School of Medicine CIRM Creating Opportunities through Mentorship and Partnership Across Stem Cell Science (COMPASS) Undergraduate Program is pleased to announce a call for applications from undergraduate students. The overriding goal of the program is to expand the pool and strengthen the pathways of the next generation of diverse CIRM scholars who embrace high-impact regenerative medicine and gene therapy research and future careers in the field.

Objectives:
• Prepare a diverse group of undergraduate students for a range of careers in regenerative medicine
• Foster untapped talent within populations that are historically underrepresented in the biomedical sciences
• Research opportunities and mentoring experiences that enhance transition to successful careers
• Foster awareness and appreciation of diversity, equity, and inclusion in all program participants

Program Components:
• Stipend
• Foundational courses
• Research Internships in Regenerative Medicine / Gene Therapy
• Mentoring and Training

COMPASS Scholars will dedicate up to 10 hours/week/quarter, with additional time during the summer months (40 hours/week), to internships and related program activities.

Application Process:
• Please ensure the application form for the COMPASS undergraduate program is used and submit as instructed.
• Applicants must be UC Davis juniors and incoming transfer students with at least two years remaining before degree completion.

The application process includes a brief overview of interests and importance of the program to career goals; statement on self-perceived academic and personal strengths and weaknesses; and educational adversities (experienced, expected). Applications will be reviewed, interviews conducted, and applicants ranked and selected by COMPASS program leadership and an Internal Advisory Committee.

Questions:
Please direct any questions about the program or the application process to Dr. A. Tarantal by email (aftarantal@ucdavis.edu).