

NeURO-CC Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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How can I apply to NeURO-CC?

NeURO-CC does not have a direct application process managed by the Wu Tsai Neurosciences Institute. Program Coordinators of the MESA, Puente, and Umoja programs at the local Community Colleges of Mission, DeAnza, and Foothill nominate and select their students who enroll in the NeURO-CC program. Students in these community colleges interested in joining our program should contact the coordinators of the MESA, Puente, or Umoja programs, respectively:

- Foothill College - Maritza Jackson Sandoval, Puente Counselor and Program Coordinator, at jacksonsandovalmaritza@fhda.edu
- Foothill College - Dokesha Meacham, Umoja Counselor, at meachamdokesha@fhda.edu
- Mission College - Edrina Rashidi, MESA Program Director & LAEP Co-Director, at edrina.rashidi@missioncollege.edu
- DeAnza College - Yvette Alba-Campbell, MESA Program Director, at campbellyvette@fhda.edu
- For questions regarding the program structure and administration, students can reach out to Zulema Garibo Gonzalez, Training and Fellowships Program Coordinator, at zgaribo@stanford.edu.

How long is the program?

The NeURO-CC program is 8 weeks of full-time (40 hrs/week) research in a Stanford lab during the summer (early July-late August).

Is this a paid opportunity?

Yes, NeURO-CC is a paid research opportunity.

How many hours am I going to be working in the lab?

All students participating in NeURO-CC are expected to be present in the lab and perform research full-time, which means 5 days per week, 8 hours per day, for a total of 40 hours per week.

Will I be working in the lab of my choice?

During the nomination process, students will be able to express their interests amongst these possible macro areas of focus:

- Biology (cell biology, molecular biology, physiology, etc.)
- Biomedical/Clinical
- Engineering/Bioengineering
- Physics/Biophysics
- Computer Science
- Other area of interest

Simultaneously, the coordinators at Stanford will select Research Mentors that will be matched with the NeURO-CC fellows. The Stanford coordinators will try their best to match students with the Research Mentor and lab that best corresponds to their area of interest. However, please note that although we try our best to accommodate our students' interests, we may not always be able to ensure you are matched with your first choice.

Besides conducting research in the lab, are there other activities and events that I will be participating in while being a NeURO-CC fellow?

Students are expected to participate in the program full time, with most of their time being in the lab. However, there are other components such as social events, workshops, lunches, and field trips that will be incorporated once per week into the 8-week program.

Can I also work while I am participating in NeURO-CC?

Students are expected to be fully present and participate in the NeURO-CC program activities for the entirety of the program. Being a NeURO-CC fellow is a full-time commitment, which means that students do not have the bandwidth to have another job for the duration of the 8-week program.

Can I take additional coursework while participating in NeURO-CC?

Students are expected to be fully present and participate in NeURO-CC for the entirety of the program. Being a NeURO-CC fellow is a full-time commitment, which means that students will not have the bandwidth to take any additional classes for the duration of the 8-week program.

If I was a NeURO-CC fellow last year, would I be able to participate again this year?

The mission of the NeURO-CC program is to provide Community College students with the opportunity to engage in neuroscience research for the first time. Thus, at this time, we are not accepting students who have been NeURO-CC fellows in the past.

Who should I contact if I am interested in participating in NeURO-CC?

For questions regarding eligibility and nomination, students should contact their respective coordinators of the MESA, Puente, or Umoja programs at their colleges:

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