Doris Duke Conservation Scholars Program at UC-Santa Cruz

2016 Application

Doris Duke Conservation Scholars Program at UC-Santa Cruz 2017 Application. We are very excited that you have chosen to apply to the UCSC Doris Duke Conservation Scholars Program, and we are eager to learn more about you. We wish you the best of luck during the application process. There are several parts to this application:

1. Information about you, including contact information, description of your recent jobs, activities, awards, information about your recommender(s), and your answers to four essay questions. Required questions are marked with an asterisk (*). We will also ask you for optional demographic information about yourself. Your choice to not provide us with this information will not influence your likelihood of being selected to participate in the program.

2. Copies of your college transcripts. Unofficial copies are fine, and they are typically easier for you to obtain. Please submit all of your college transcripts, even if you have earned credit at more than one institution.

3. A letter of recommendation. You’ll need at least one (1) recommendation letter. Please complete the information on the application about who is providing your letter. We suggest that you contact -- in person or by email -- someone you have worked closely with who is familiar with some of the experiences that you have described in your essays. Ideally, your recommender is a current or former coach, employer, professor, supervisor, or other academic or professional mentor willing to provide you with a detailed letter. Letters from family and relatives will not be accepted. Please share information about the program with your recommender (such as the website and your essays), and ask your recommender to describe how he or she knows you, how long (s)he has known you, your suitability for this program, and your potential to make a significant contribution to the field of conservation. Letters of recommendation should include the recommender’s name, title, address, and email, and a link will be provided to request letters of recommendation that will be added to your file.

Deadlines: This online application and transcript(s) are due by 11:59pm PST February 12, 2017. Letters of recommendation are due by 11:59pm PST February 19, 2017.

Editing your application: You will be asked to open an account with Submittable to access the application. This account will allow you freely edit your application. However, for purposes of editing and receiving feedback we highly recommend that you download the application template document from the program website (conservationscholars.ucsc.edu) and draft your long answer questions ahead of time in a separate document. You can then copy and paste the information directly into the online application form and submit your full application all at once. Please email Dr. Justin Cummings (jacummin@ucsc.edu) if you have any questions at all about the application, the selection process, or the program. Thank you for applying!

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Your contact information
This will help us get in touch with you about your application.

Last Name *
First Name *
Email Address *
Phone Number (with area code)
Permanent Address
City *
State *
Country*
Zip Code (5 digits) *

DOB*

Are you a U.S. citizen, resident or DREAMer? *
  ○ Yes
  ○ No

Not sure what we mean by DREAMer? See "DREAM Act" in Wikipedia

Academic information

What is the name of the high school you attended (If you prefer not to answer or did not finish at a high school put N/A)?*

Where was your high school located (city, state, zip)?*

What college or university do you currently attend? *

Where is it located (city, state)? *

What type of academic calendar does your university use? *
  ○ Semesters
  ○ Quarters
  ○ Other:

If you chose other to the question above please explain
What year or class are you in school? *
*Note: The Program is open to students who currently have first- or second-year standing (freshmen, sophomores, and students with at least two full years of college remaining).

In what month and year do you expect to graduate? *

It is okay if this changes.

What is or are your current major(s) and minor(s)? *

If you are undeclared or undecided, you may just write “unknown” or “undecided”. If you have an intended major but have not yet declared, you can specify it and write “intended”.

This application is for the Doris Duke Conservation Scholars Program at the University of California-Santa Cruz. Are you applying to any of the other DDCSP programs? *

○ Yes
○ No

If yes, please indicate which other programs you are applying for.

Demographic Information

I am:
○ Male
○ Female
○ Prefer not to answer
○ Other (please enter your preferred description)____________________________

Please indicate your race, ethnicity, and/or cultural affiliation (You can choose more than one box):

○ American Indian or Alaska Native
○ Arab or Middle Eastern
○ Asian
○ Black or African American
○ Hispanic, Latino/a, or Chicano/a
○ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
○ White or Caucasian
○ Multiracial (Please specify)__________________________________________
○ Prefer not to answer
○ Other (please enter your preferred description):

What is the highest level of education attained by your first parent or guardian?

○ No school, grammar school, or some high school
○ High school diploma
○ Some college or university
○ Two-year college (Associate’s) degree
What is the highest level of education attained by your second parent or guardian?

- No school, grammar school, or some high school
- High school diploma
- Some college or university
- Two-year college (Associate's) degree
- Four-year college (Bachelor's) degree
- Graduate or professional degree (master's, law, MBA, Ph.D., etc.)
- I don't know
- Prefer not to answer

Please describe your military status:

- Active duty
- Reserve
- Veteran
- ROTC
- None
- Prefer not to answer

Do any of the following apply to you?

- Pell Grant recipient
- Need-based financial aid or work-study recipient
- Prefer not to answer

How did you hear about the Doris Duke Conservation Scholars Program at UCSC?

Activities and experience

Please list sports, activities or clubs in which you have participated in and in what capacity (captain, president, secretary, etc.) in the last four (4) years. List the years that you were active and estimate the time spent on each activity (hours/week, hours/month, or hours/year).*

Example: UC Santa Cruz (June 2014 - April 2015). Volunteered as a tutor for English Language Learners (EEL or ESL). 5 hours/month.

Please list any part-time or full-time jobs that you have held in the past four (4) years. You may also include internships or volunteer positions. Briefly describe your position, what you did, and please list the dates and estimate the time spent on each (hours/week, hours/month, or hours/year). Please also include the name of the company/organization, the name of your supervisor and supervisor email if available.*

Example: Jo-Anne Fabrics (June 2014 - Present). Worked as cashier and salesperson at small fabric store. Supervisor: Aden French (afren@joanne.com) 10 hours/week
Please list recent awards, scholarships, or special recognitions. List the year the award was given after the name of the award and arrange them in order of decreasing importance to you. *

Example: Rotary Club Scholarship. 2012.

**Please answer the following essay questions**
We recommend that you write your essays with word processing software, such as MS Word, to check for grammar and spelling before copying and pasting your response here.

What personal influences and experiences have you had that make you want to consider a career in conservation? (up to 500 words) *

What are your long-term professional goals? How do you think participation in the Doris Duke Conservation Scholars Program at UCSC will help you achieve them? (up to 500 words) *

How have your life experience and history positioned you to contribute to the goal of diversifying the conservation profession? (up to 300 words) *

(Optional) Is there any additional information not addressed elsewhere that you want to share with us?

**Letters of recommendation**
Please complete the information on the application about who is providing your letter. We suggest that you contact -- in person or by email -- someone you have worked closely with who is familiar with some of the experiences that you have described in your essays. Ideally, your recommender is a current or former coach, employer, professor, supervisor, or other academic or professional mentor willing to provide you with a detailed letter. Letters from family members will not be accepted.

Please share information about the program with your recommender (such as the website and your essays), and ask your recommender to describe how (s)he knows you, how long (s)he has known you, your suitability for this program, and your potential to make a significant contribution to the field of conservation. Letters of recommendation should include the recommender’s name, title, address, and email, and should be emailed by the recommender(s) directly to Dr. Justin Cummings (jacummin@ucsc.edu) by no later than 11:59 pm PST on February 22, 2016.
Name of the person who will provide a letter of recommendation for you *
How do you know this person? *
What is their email address? *

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What is their email address? *