

CNAS Science Ambassador Application 2020-2021

What is the Science Ambassador Program? The Science Ambassador Program is a great opportunity for undergraduate students to represent UC Riverside’s College of Natural & Agricultural Sciences Undergraduate Programs to internal and external constituents. The Science Ambassadors are the student face of the college and assist the school as a host during official functions, make public presentations, and act as a student liaison with the various communities that CNAS serves both on and off-campus, with a particular emphasis on recruiting events and activities. Ambassadors are knowledgeable about their majors and UCR, and are easily able to communicate their passion for both to prospective students and their families. Ambassadors are highly involved in activities outside of the classroom, including undergraduate research, peer mentoring, student life, outreach, athletics, etc. Each Ambassador has a distinct voice and a unique story which all contribute to a rich diverse representation for the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences at UC Riverside. CNAS Science Ambassadors adhere to the highest standards of student conduct and academic integrity.

Qualifications/Requirements:

- Must be a CNAS major
- Minimum 3.33 (B+) cumulative GPA
- Must have attended UCR for at least one quarter and completed 12 units, or be a transfer student
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills
- Strong outreach, research, and/or extracurricular experience, including work experience
- Commit to six quarters (two academic years) in the Science Ambassador Program
- Commit to at least six events a year including weekends and weeknights
- Commit to at least 8 hours per year on special Science Ambassador outreach projects
- Attend an orientation meeting and team building activity in October and monthly meetings thereafter (held on the first Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m.*)
- Attend Scholarship Breakfast and Highlander Day, usually held the first Saturday in April
- All successful candidates must be interviewed

Benefits:

- Improve interpersonal skills
- Develop leadership, group dynamics, communication, and public speaking skills
- Meet, interact, and network with other students, faculty, administrators, community members, and the CNAS Deans
- Recognition at graduation with a Science Ambassador sash and reserved seating for family (benefits accrue to those who meet the minimum commitment requirements)

Participation required of all Ambassadors	Examples of types of events:			
	Ushering	Judging	Assisting event coordinator	Recruitment/Other
Orientation	Science Lecture 1	Science Fair	Homecoming	High school visits
Highlander Day	Science Lecture 2	Science Olympiad	Commencement	Transfer Day
Tour Training	Science Lecture 3		VIP Events	Tours
Team Building	Science Lecture 4		Emeritus Luncheon	Presentations
			Conference Registration	Peer Mentor
			Botanic Garden Sales	

Project Requirements: All Science Ambassadors are required to participate in one or more project for a minimum of 8 hours per year. There are currently four active projects in the program with ample outreach opportunities on and off campus: (See website for a full description of the projects.)

- SISTERS – For female ambassadors only. Offers STEM related activities and mentoring to girls from University Heights Middle School.
- SMASH – Offers tutoring and other STEM related activities at Ramona High School.
- Delta SIFY – Offers tutoring to students at Riverside STEM Academy high school students.
- Little EINSTEINs – Offers STEM related activities to local elementary school students.

Evaluation Policy and Guidelines: While you are in the program you will be evaluated quarterly on your attendance and involvement in the program.

- Attendance at monthly meetings is required unless there is a legitimate class conflict or exceptional circumstances or emergency (an excused absence).
- Missing an event or project meeting without a 24 hr prior notice or exceptional circumstances will be noted in your program file. Repeat occurrences can be a cause for dismissal from the program.
- **Failure to be actively involved in the program can result in termination from the program.**
- This program is intended to enhance student success & opportunities, so students falling below the GPA thresholds will be evaluated for continuation on a case-by-case basis.
- Students who violate UCR academic integrity standards will be dismissed from the program.

Definitions:

- Excused absences require 24 hours advance notification, class/work conflict, or emergency (which could not be told in advance).
- Unexcused: Not notified in advance, or not a valid excuse.

CNAS Science Ambassador Application for Transfers 2020-2021

Name: _____
First Middle Last

Current Address: _____
Street Address Zip

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Major(s): _____ Expected Date of Graduation: _____

Minor(s): _____ GPA: _____

UCR Student ID Number _____

High School Attended/Hometown: _____

Other College/Universities Attended: _____

Extracurricular Activities: _____

Why do you want to be a Science Ambassador, representing the College of Natural & Agricultural Sciences? Attach additional pages if needed (recommended).

I have reviewed and understand the requirements and expectations of a Science Ambassador. I understand that failure to meet these requirements may jeopardize my standing in the program.

I consent to a review of my conduct and academic integrity records to verify good standing.

(Signature)

Submit your **completed** application to Connie Nugent, Divisional Dean, by **September 25, 2020**
For submission or more information: connie.nugent@ucr.edu