



### **UCSF Summer Student Research Program Student Essay Instructions**

Write a brief essay (500 words or less) describing why you want to participate in the UCSF Summer Student Research Program and how the program relates to your overall interests and career goals.

#### **Consider addressing the following topics when developing your essay:**

- Why do you want to participate in this program?
- What are your interests, motivations, aspirations, or career goals?
- What interests you about science and/or biomedical research?
- What would you like to gain from participation in the program?
- What makes you unique from other students who maybe applying to the program, or why you believe you should be chosen as a candidate for this program?
- Where applicable, please describe any social, cultural or educational barriers you may have experienced that have directly or indirectly inhibited you from obtaining the knowledge, skills and/or abilities necessary to develop and participate in a research career.

***Essays that do not comply with the 500- word limit WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.***