PSMS Scholars Application 2013-2014
College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
National Science Foundation:

PSMS Scholars Program Information and Application Procedure/Checklist

PSMS Scholars receive need-based scholarships and participate in activities designed to facilitate their scholastic and professional development and to prepare them for careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) disciplines.

- Have access to Supplementary Instruction (SI) course sections and tutoring to support coursework
- Attend workshops and activities of the college’s science learning community designed to provide specialized training that will support your career development
- Meet regularly with an advisor in the student’s major to help keep the student on track to their degree
- Receive a need-based scholarship up to $6400/year to enable the student to focus on their scholastic potential

To apply for the PSMS Scholars program, please review the requirements listed below:

- Enrolled at CSULB Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 as an undergraduate student
  - (Post-baccalaureate/second bachelor students are not eligible.)
- Be a declared BS-major in Chemistry, Earth Science, Geology, Mathematics, or Physics
- Must be a US Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Be eligible for need-based Federal financial aid
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.5
- Eligible to take upper division courses as defined below by major
  - Chemistry: Eligible to take CHEM 371A and a minimum “B” in prior CHEM courses
  - Geology: Eligible to take GEOL 322 and a minimum “B” in prior GEOL courses
  - Mathematics: Eligible to take MATH 310, 364A, 380, or other 300-level MATH and a minimum “B” in prior MATH courses
  - Physics: Eligible to take PHYS 310 and a minimum “B” in prior PHYS courses
- Agree to provide tracking data and be part of longitudinal research and tracking of graduate studies or professional placement. CSULB will provide the appropriate forms and will work with alumni members to submit the tracking information

To Complete Your Application, please submit a packet containing the following:

- Fill out Application Form (See Attached Form)
- One (1) copy of unofficial CSULB transcripts
- One (1) page, double-spaced personal narrative to address your background (who you are), what motivated you to select your major, the barriers you have faced during the education, and your career goals. We use a holistic review process, so the personal narrative gives us an understanding of your life experiences
- One (1) letter of recommendation from a community college or CSULB faculty member
- Submit your completed application to the faculty member from your major department:
  - Chemistry: Paul Buonora, paul.buonora@csulb.edu
  - Geology: Lora Landon-Stevens, lora.stevens@csulb.edu
  - Mathematics: Jen-Mei Chang, sheauguai@gmail.com
  - Physics: Chuhee Kwon, chuhee.kwon@csulb.edu

Applications completed by Friday, March 29th, 2012 by 5:00pm will be given priority consideration. Any applications received later will be considered only as space is available. Applicants who meet the eligibility criteria will be notified of interview. Interviews will be conducted April-May 2013.
## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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How did you hear about us?  □ Fliers/Posters □ Current Participant □ Academic Advisor □ Website □ Class Visit

## ABOUT YOURSELF

Jobs you hold or have held over the last three years:

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Internships held over the last three years:

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Activities outside school/work:

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**DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

Please indicate which of the following categories you identify with. You may check more than one.

**Race:**
- □ Alaskan Native (Eskimo or Aleut) or American Indian
- □ Asian
- □ Black or African American
- □ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- □ White
- □ Unknown
- □ Decline to State

**Ethnicity:**
- □ Hispanic or Latino

**Disability:**
- □ Hearing
- □ Visual
- □ Mobility
- □ Learning
- □ Other (Description of Other Disability) __________________
- □ No Disability
- □ Decline to State

**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

- **Current Academic Standing:** □ Junior □ Senior
- **Community College Transfer:** □ Yes □ No
- **Current GPA (overall):**
- **Declared Major:**
- **Current GPA (Major):**
- **Plans following Graduation:** □ Professional School (Law, Medicine, Pharmacy) □ PhD □ Masters □ Job □ Not Sure
- **Previous PSMS Participation:** □ Yes □ No
- **Current Career Goal (List all possibilities):**
- **Plans following Graduation:** □ Professional School (Law, Medicine, Pharmacy) □ PhD □ Masters □ Job □ Not Sure
- **Expected amount of Units Completed by end of Spring 2013:**
- **Expected Graduate Date:**

**RECOMMENDER INFORMATION**

**Recommender:**
**Institution:**
**Department:**
**Phone:**
**E-mail:**

*I acknowledge that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the PSMS Program to view my academic records in order to verify and fully assess my qualifications.*

Applicant’s Signature: ___________________________ Date: _________________