PSMS Starters Application 2014-2015
College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
National Science Foundation:

Application Deadline: **5:00pm, Friday, Nov. 14, 2014**

**PSMS Starters Program Information and Application Procedure/Checklist**
PSMS Starters 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) courses 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 Starters program, please review the requirements listed below:**

- Enrolled at CSULB Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 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
- Eligible to take MATH 122 and a minimum “C” grade in MATH 111/113 or math placement exam
  (Students who are currently making successful progress towards their eligibility to take MATH 122 can be considered on an individual basis.)
- 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) letter of recommendation from a high school science teacher or your 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, November 14, 2014 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 in November or December.**
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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

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**Plans following Graduation:**
- □ Professional School (Law, Medicine, Pharmacy)
- □ PhD
- □ Masters
- □ Job
- □ Not Sure

**Current Career Goal (Identify all possibilities):**

**Expected amount of Units Completed by end of Spring 2014:**

**Expected Graduate Date:**

## RECOMMENDER INFORMATION

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

Applicant’s Signature: _____________________________ Date: _________________