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2018 PRE-DOCTORAL SUMMER RESEARCH INTERNSHIP AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (USC) in Los Angeles, California

If you are a student (i) wishing to pursue a PhD degree in any field of Engineering, Neuroscience or Science (Chemistry, Physics, Biology, etc.) at USC, and (ii) will complete your undergraduate or master's degree by June of 2019, we invite you to apply for a competitive pre-PhD research internship.

This 10-week pre-PhD summer research internship will allow you to spend the summer of 2018 working in a world-class laboratory at USC, and prepare a competitive application for a full scholarship for a PhD degree at USC. This program is co-funded by UNAM and USC. If you are selected, your transportation and living expenses in Los Angeles will be covered.

Note that you do not need a master's degree to apply for a PhD, as you can apply for a "Doctorado Directo". This internship does not apply to students interested in pursuing a master's degree at USC. However, students interested in pursuing a master's degree at USC should go to <https://gradadm.usc.edu> or contact http://global.usc.edu/overseas_offices_main/international-offices/mexico/ to explore the many other opportunities at USC for graduate study.

In addition to a strong interest in pursuing a PhD degree, the requirements for this pre-PhD summer research internship are (i) excellent grade point average in the top 10% of your class, and (ii) excellent English skills. If selected, you will also be required to take the free online diagnostic GRE exam and participate in academic integration workshops before starting the summer program.

To apply for this program, send an e-mail to Dr. Jesús Manuel Dorador González (dorador@unam.mx) before November 4th to receive additional information about the application process.



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Thank you for your interest in the pre-PhD summer research internship at USC. This is a very competitive process. In order to select the students that will be able to go to USC you will have to do the following:

- Fill the information required in the Excel document that you received together with this message
- Send an essay about your reasons to pursue a PhD to Dr. Dorador (Maximum one page) before November 10th.
- Choose two USC laboratories in which you would like to spend the summer stay (www.usc.edu) and write a 1-page essay for each laboratory about why you want to do summer research, and then pursue a PhD, with that Professor. A sample essay will be provided to you.
- In order to have an interview with Dr. Dorador, you will have to make an appointment selecting one of the available slots using <https://doodle.com/poll/5cznxf9nmt4nxw8k>
- On November 21st you will be notified if you are selected to be interviewed by Dr. Francisco Valero (valerolab.org) who will visit from USC to help with the final selection.

The requirements are

- (i) Excellent grade, point average in the top 10% of your class
- (ii) Excellent English skills. Minimum TOEFL score of 90 on the internet-based test, or 6.5 on the IELTS
- (iii) You must satisfy the conditions of eligibility for the “Programa de becas estudiantiles SEP-UNAM-FUNAM: Beca de capacitación en métodos de investigación” (Attached is the previous call, we expect that the requirements will be the same for summer 2018)
- (iv) Students must take a free online practice GRE test before attending the summer internship <http://www.princetonreview.com/grad/free-gre-practice-test#!practice>
- (v) Students must participate in academic integration workshops before starting the summer program

The TOEFL and GRE will be required only to those students selected for the internship, you don't have to take them now.

If you have questions, please contact Dr. Jesús Manuel Dorador González: dorador@unam.mx