

Director's Message

Dear Bruin Community,

It brings me great pleasure to share with you this edition of the Academic Advancement Program (AAP) newsletter. As you know, AAP is one of the nation's premier and most successful student academic enrichment support programs. AAP has been cited as a model and host visitors from colleges and universities from around the world who want to learn more about our various programs. The purpose of this newsletter is to highlight important events, achievements, and success stories. As you know, AAP is more than a collection of services; it is an academic program that serves as a home for more than 5,400 UCLA students from low-income, first-generation and historically underrepresented backgrounds. AAP's many programs aim to support these students' academic and personal growth. I wish you much success in the new academic year and hope to see you in Campbell Hall, home to the Academic Advancement Program (AAP).

Go Bruins!

Charles J. Alexander, Ph.D.

Director, Academic Advancement Program and
Associate Vice Provost for Student Diversity

AAP provides an array of academic support services that encourages and promotes academic achievement and excellence. More specifically, the following services are available to you:

- Peer Learning (collaborative learning workshops and one-on-one composition support)
- Academic Counseling
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- Graduate and Professional school mentoring
- Resources for non-traditional students
- Research opportunities and stipends
- Opportunities to participate in pre-health professions programs
- A dedicated Computer Lounge
- Scholarship opportunities
- Workshops, speaker series, and film screenings throughout the year
- Employment opportunities available to qualified students.

More information can be found on our website (www.aap.ucla.edu).

2019 Black Convocation

The 2019 Black Convocation was a huge triumph, bringing together different UCLA organizations, departments, and offices to welcome new and returning students to campus and make them aware of the wide variety of valuable programs, groups, and resources available to serve them. The evening was full of Bruin pride and provided our students encouragement on their academic journey, anecdotes about the past, and a glimpse of the future from UCLA alumni who have stayed connected to the university and are dedicated to supporting all students.



AAP Awareness Day

AAP Awareness Day Fair on September 25th 2019 was a great success to kick off the new academic year! It was a day dedicated to celebrating AAP's student activism and academic achievements. Students learned about AAP history and services, all while getting to know the AAP staff and their fellow AAP students.

2019-20 AAP Scholarship Reception

AAP scholarship awards for the 2019-20 academic year were announced on October 9, 2019 in AAP's Learning Pavilion. It was an incredible and moving experience hearing the stories of the recipients, and watching them accept their certificates with pride. It was an exciting evening and the Pavilion was completely full with students, family members, staff, and guests from on and off campus. **CONGRATULATIONS AAP SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES!**



AAP Student Staff Recognition

AAP student staffers Ariel Rosemond, CCCP Site Coordinator, Julio Reyes-Cabezas, Peer Counselor for F/TSP and Shannyn Sayula, Peer Mentor & Office Assistant for CCCP AAP were recognized hard work for each of the AAP units. Congratulations to each. AAP is fueled by the efforts of our bright and talented student staff and all AAP students. You are the Best and the Brightest.



New AAP Staff

AAP welcomes the newest additions to the AAP counseling team; Autumn Kane, Jessika Herrera, Jesus Prado, Stephanie Valdez.

AAP Orientation Workshop

Final workshop of the fall quarter will be held on Friday, October 18, 11:00am – 12:00pm in Young Research Library 11348. You must attend to move from AAP-eligible to AAP member to take advantage of the AAP services.

AAP Counseling Workshops:

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WINTER ENROLLMENT 101

HELP WITH:

- Enrollment Dates
- Scheduling Logistics
- Navigating Class Planner

workshops

October 14
October 23
October 28
November 8
November 14

9 AM - 10:30 AM
1 PM - 2:30 PM
1 PM - 2:30 PM
1 PM - 2:30 PM
8:30 AM - 10 AM

Bring your Laptop

located in 1224 campbell hall
rsvp: [my.ucla.edu > academics > workshops > AAP](https://my.ucla.edu/academics/workshops/AAP)

Graduate Mentoring & Research Program Workshops:



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & SOCIAL JUSTICE

CDSJ SCHOLARS PROGRAM

CDSJ provides AAP students in their junior or senior year with a service learning opportunity that integrates research and practice in preparation for graduate study in social welfare, public policy, urban planning, labor/workplace studies, or public health.

**INTERESTED IN CDSJ?
JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATION SESSION**

10/15 | 1-3pm | Campbell Hall 1224
10/15 | 5-7pm | YRL 11348
10/21 | 3-5pm | Campbell Hall 1224

APPLICATION DUE : NOV 8TH @ 5PM
APP LINK:
[SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/CDSJ2019-2020](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CDSJ2019-2020)

For more information contact:
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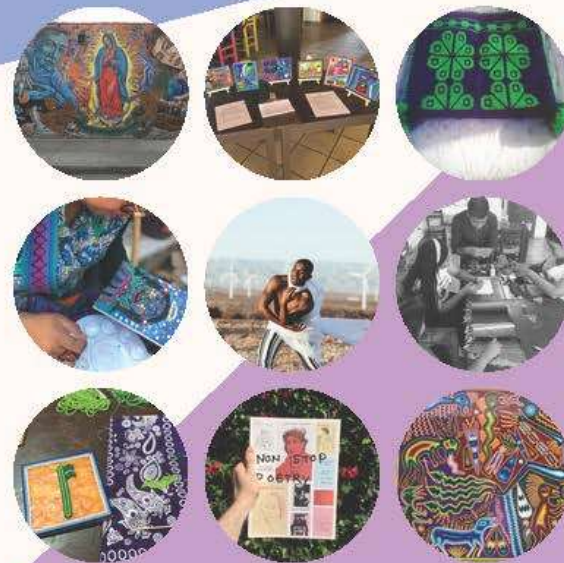
INTERESTED IN DOING RESEARCH IN THE ARTS?

Join ARTS Initiative (Arts IN)!

AAP third- and fourth- year students who have an arts practice, a passion for the arts, and the desire to engage in interdisciplinary research within the Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Sciences.

Application due on 11/12 2019 at
4:00 PM Campbell Hall 1202

Application Link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/artsinapplication>



For more information and application assistance
contact Arts IN Coordinator:
Cyndy Garcia-Weyandt

cgarciaawayandt@college.ucla.edu
(310) 794-4186 | 1202 Campbell Hall

**arts IN aap mentoring programs
arts initiative**

INFO
SESSION

OCT 16TH 3:00-5:00 PM
BUNCHE HALL ROOM 6275

RSVP: MYUCLA



MASTERS VS PHD WORKSHOP

Thursday October 24th, 2019
4:00-5:30pm Campbell 1224



In this workshop, we will discuss the key differences between getting a PhD and a Master's degree. In particular, we will focus on the advantages and disadvantages of getting a Masters before the PhD.

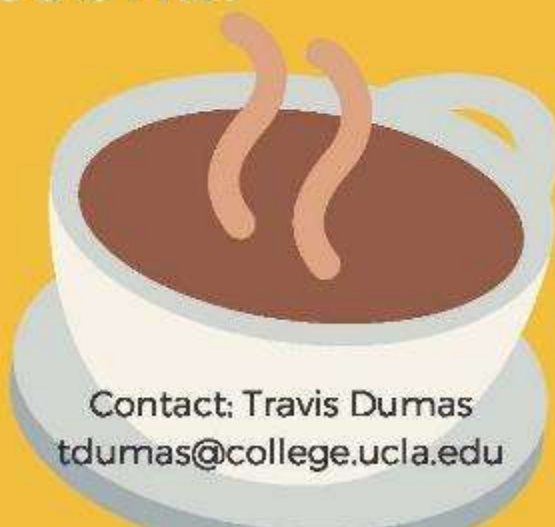
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GRADUATE MENTORING AND RESEARCH PROGRAMS



Contact: Travis Dumas
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What is McNair?

The [UCLA McNair Scholars Program](#) is a two-year research-based intensive program that prepares AAP undergraduate students to apply to the best graduate programs in the country and excel in graduate school while pursuing a Ph.D. in the humanities or social sciences.

Application Deadline:

Monday, November 7 by 4:00pm.

For more info:

AAP Graduate Mentor and Research Programs Office
1202 Campbell Hall

AAP Research Rookies

Are you a **second-year** student **interested in research or want to know more about research?** Come to the [Research Rookies](#) Info Session:

Monday, October 28, 2019

6:00 – 7:30 PM

Campbell Hall 1224

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

1:00 – 2:30 PM

Campbell Hall 1224

OR Appointments are welcome at any time (310) 794-4186 or visit 1202 Campbell Hall for more information.

The purpose of the **Research Rookies Program** is to foster interest in research and demystify the research process within the Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities.

Students undertake a research project under the guidance of two graduate mentors and a faculty sponsor for academic credit. Selected participants will attend workshops and information sessions that expose them to research opportunities and provide information about graduate school. Students who are interested in graduate school and who would like to learn about how to conduct academic research are especially encouraged to apply.

Students apply for the Research Rookies program in the Fall quarter. The program requires a two-quarter commitment during the Winter and Spring quarters of the application year. Participants will also receive a research stipend

AAP Peer Learning

- How to [SIGN UP](#) for AAP Peer Learning Sessions
- Log on to MyUCLA and click the “ACADEMICS” tab.
- In the “Advising and Academic Services” section, click “Peer Learning.”
- Select the term from the menu in the upper-right corner (e.g. Fall 2019).

- Select AAP from the Unit menu in the top-left corner, if not already selected.
- In the PEER LEARNING menu, click FIND A SESSION.
- Click on the subject area you want to enroll in (e.g. Physics), then select a course.
- If no session time matches your schedule, click the “request an alternate time” link.
- If the course you would like is not listed, we encourage you to request the course using the WISH LIST function.
- If you have any questions about how to sign up, please come visit us in 1214 Campbell Hall or give us a call at (310) 206-7771.

Apply for an AAP Scholarship

The Academic Advancement Program (AAP) will be awarding scholarships to AAP students for the 2020-21 academic year. The average scholarship award is \$5,000. AAP staff, the chair of the AAP Scholarship committee and UCLA Library and Scholarship Resource Center representatives will present information workshops. If you would like to apply, going to the scholarship workshops is highly encouraged! **See the workshop times in the Events section below.** Students will receive important information about the online application process, letter of recommendation, personal statement and essay. The online application will not be available until mid-January (after Fall Quarter grades are posted); eligible students will receive a MyUCLA notification. You may work on your supporting materials now and add them to your application at any point after notification of availability and before the submission deadline. AB540 students are eligible to apply but must fill out the DREAM application. The DREAM application can be found at <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>. For more information, call Fatiha Qureshi at 310/206-1805 or come to 1232 Campbell Hall.

AAP Key Events

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25-OCTOBER 27
BRUIN FAMILY WEEKEND/AAP Experience Session
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

5:00pm – 6:00pm

Campbell Hall Learning Pavilion

Special AAP pricing for AAP families. See more information on the schedule [here](#).

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30
HIGH AIMS WHITE COAT CEREMONY

5:30pm – 8:00pm

J.D. Morgan Press Room

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12
F-TSP HONORS' RECEPTION

5:00pm – 7:00pm

314 Royce Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3
AAP SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP

5:00pm – 6:00pm
1101 Campbell Hall

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8
SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP

6:00pm – 7:00pm
1101 Campbell Hall

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16
CARTER-HUGGINS ANNUAL MEMORIAL

7:00pm – 9:00pm
Various/Campbell Hall

SATURDAY, MARCH 7
Annual BLACK MALE BREAKFAST
10:00am – 12:00pm
Learning Pavilion

AAP Campus Partner Events

UCLA ALL Brains

AN INCLUSIVE SPACE FOR AUTISM, ADHD, & OTHER LEARNING DIFFERENCES

UCLA All Brains is an inclusive space for students with autism, ADHD, or other learning differences. We are proud to be the first program at UCLA to cater to our neurodiverse students through fun social events, peer mentorships, and student/staff training. For more information or direct contact, please visit us at uclaallbrains.org or email us at ucla.allbrains@gmail.com.

Latinx Film and Theatre Association

The Latinx Film and Theatre Association invites you to our Info Session on Thursday, Oct. 17th at 8pm in Reiber LLC Lounge! LFTA is open to ALL students interested in film production, script development, live theatre, marketing, acting, and building communities! No experience required! Questions? Email us at lftaucla@gmail.com

Community Programs Office

Welcome Reception (11th annual) – Monday, October 21 Oct at Wilson Plaza

Presidential Viewing Party – Tuesday, Nov 8 at Wilson Plaza.

Tail Gate v. Arizona St. (7th annual) – Saturday, October 26 at Rose Bowl (Time TBD)

Turkey Box Day (4th annual) – Thursday, November 21 in SAC Building

Holiday Food Box Day (3rd annual) – Thursday, December 5 in SAC Building