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Cal Poly Admissions Office

Mustang Mentorship Program

We've developed a virtual peer-to-peer mentorship program among Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo undergraduate students and partner high school junior students from similar underrepresented backgrounds to promote academic and social connection and development, as well as to increase college knowledge and guidance.



Photo taken in 2019

MENTEE QUALIFICATIONS

Required Qualifications:

- Students must be a current junior in high school (11th grade) with at least a 3.5 cumulative minimum GPA (weighted or unweighted).
- Students must attend one of the following partner high schools:
 - Alisal High, American Indian Public High, Edison High, Escondido High, Fortune School, Inderkum High, Santa Maria High, Pioneer Valley High, Nipomo High, Lompoc High, KIPP Public Schools Northern California, Monterey Trail High, Oakland Technical Senior High, West Campus, Sacramento Charter High, or Select Partner High Schools by invitation only.
- Commitment to meet with Mustang Mentor at least two hours per month for one year (**May 2021-May 2022**) virtually over Zoom, Google Meet, phone video chat or any other free virtual platform. Mentees will need internet connection, access to their own personal laptop/computer, with a webcam and microphone for video interactions.
- Total annual time commitment: Minimum of two hours monthly (24 hours annually for one year). Flexible scheduling based on mentor/mentee availability.
- Commitment to attend the Mustang Mentorship Meet and Greet virtual mixer to get a program overview and meet your mentor for the first time on **Sunday, May 16, from 6-8 p.m.**
- Interest in applying to Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo as one of their top university choices during senior year. (It is important to note that participation in this Mustang Mentorship program is not a guarantee of future admission to Cal Poly.)
- Submission of University Release of Liability and Code of Conduct form required signed by both student and parent or legal guardian if selected.

Preferred Qualifications (but not required):

- Underrepresented background including **one or more of the following**:
- First-generation college student (first in family to attend college) -or-
- Low-income (free or reduced meal plan eligible) -or-
- Self-identify as an underrepresented minority (African American/Black, Hispanic/LatinX, Native American/Indigenous, Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, or mixed race) -or-
- Qualification and participation in high school program that supports underrepresented and/or low-income students such as: EOPS, AVID, Upward Bound (or similar program).

The application deadline is **5 p.m. Friday, April 2**.
Applicants will be notified by **April 30** of their application decision. Use the QR code or link to apply.

Apply now: <http://ow.ly/Ypji50DOuuc>.



Goals

The Mustang Mentorship Program aims to promote college-ready thinking while giving students social connections and access to university resources.

1 Creating Long-Term Connections

By partnering Cal Poly student mentors with current high school junior mentees with a one-year commitment, students can create lasting connections with their university peers.

2 College-Ready Thinking

This program aims to increase admission and financial aid literacy and help students better understand their personal aspirations and academic and professional pathways.

3 Social Engagement

This program creates social engagement opportunities for students in an entirely virtual setting by promoting fun and interactive academic and social events.

4 Learn by Doing

By placing students in a mentorship program from an earlier age, they can begin to feel more confident in their ability to lead and succeed with virtual workshops and a peer mentor to help them learn and grow.



**A MENTOR IS
SOMEONE THAT
ALLOWS YOU TO
SEE THE HOPE
INSIDE OF
YOURSELF**

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