

## Spring 2006: Undergraduate Internship Program FOR MINORITY STUDENTS

**San Diego E.X.P.O.R.T. Center**  
**San Diego State University Graduate School of Public Health**  
**Division of Epidemiology and Health Promotion**

*A 16-week field-based public health research program for SDSU MINORITY UNDERGRADUATES during the Spring semester 2005 (January 13- May 5, 2006). Up to 6 internships awarded by a competitive process.*

**INTERNSHIP** is a paid, 16-week research program under the direction of Dr. Gregory A. Talavera and Dr. Stephanie Brodine, directors of the San Diego EXPORT Center, Training Core. (January 13 - May 5, 2006). A commitment of 12 hours per week is required. The internship site is located at San Ysidro Health Center, Inc. San Ysidro, CA 92173.

**PROGRAM GOAL** is to expose minority college science students to opportunities in health disparities research directed towards solving important public health problems such as obesity, diabetes, and heart disease. Participants will receive on-hands training in behavioral medicine, chronic disease epidemiology, and community outreach. In addition, students will participate in a seminar series dealing with writing, communication and professional skills, general topics of research and research ethics, health and science career opportunities, and insights into the causes of health disparities. The overall mission of our program is to launch a new generation of underrepresented minority scientists. The **EXPORT** (Excellence in Partnerships for Community Outreach, Research on Disparities in Health and Training) program is funded by the National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities.

**ELIGIBILITY:** To qualify for this National Institutes of Health-sponsored program you must be a US citizen or permanent resident and a member of an ethnic group currently **under-represented in science:** African-American, Hispanic/Latino, Native American (American Indian, Aleut, Eskimo), Pacific Islander (Polynesian or Micronesian). You must also be an Undergraduate Student at San Diego State University and have access to transportation.

**FACULTY:** **Dr. Gregory Talavera** is a bilingual, bicultural physician trained in public health and preventive medicine. His current research interests explore the culture-specific beliefs that serve as barriers to chronic disease prevention and control. **Dr. Stephanie Brodine** is board certified in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases with active research interests and expertise in Infectious Diseases Epidemiology, particularly in HIV and AIDS, Community-Based Interventions, and International Health.

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT** over the course of 16-weeks includes a monthly stipend of up to \$600, or \$2800.

**APPLICATIONS** may be sent to the address below. In addition to this completed application form, we require an official or unofficial college transcript.

*Please send applications to:*  
Undergraduate Internship Program for Minority Students  
Attn: Ms. Angelica Perez  
San Diego EXPORT Center  
SDSU Graduate School of Public Health  
9245 Sky Park Court Suite #110  
San Diego, CA, 92123

**DEADLINE:** **December 31, 2005** for receipt of all application materials.

**NOTIFICATION OF SELECTION:**  
January 5, 2006

For further questions, please contact: Angelica Perez, [anperez@projects.sdsu.edu](mailto:anperez@projects.sdsu.edu); (619) 594-0526

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**APPLICATION DEADLINE: December 31, 2005**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Last MI*

Winter Break Mailing Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number Street Apt. City State Zip

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Male  Female GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Year in School:  Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior

Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_ African American  
\_\_\_\_\_ American Indian/Alaska Native  
\_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic Latino  
\_\_\_\_\_ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Language(s) spoken (other than English): \_\_\_\_\_

First in family to attend college:  Yes  No

Citizen of U.S. / Permanent Resident:  Yes  No Red ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Check which of the following areas of research interest you:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Epidemiology                | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Health Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Behavioral Medicine         | <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition/Physical Activity | <input type="checkbox"/> Genetics                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Disparities          | <input type="checkbox"/> Childhood Obesity          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Latino Health               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____               |

Indicate days you will attend class Spring 2006:  M  T  W  Th  F  S

**In one, typed, single-spaced page, answer the following questions:**

1. Briefly describe any prior research experience you have had at SDSU or elsewhere.
2. List any honors or awards you have received and the sources.
3. Describe your employment history, volunteer experience, or community outreach activities (include dates).
4. Describe how you are financing your education (i.e. grants, scholarships, loans, work).
5. Describe your academic pathway that brought you where you are now, your long-term professional goals, hardships you have experienced that have impacted your academic development and how you resolved such hardships.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_