



CI Receives Amgen Scholarship Donation

Camarillo, CA., August 18, 2010 - CSU Channel Islands (CI) is proud to announce a graduate scholarship donation for \$35,000 from Amgen for the MS in Biotechnology and Bioinformatics program and the MS in Biotechnology and MBA dual degree programs for a third year in a row.

This donation will be used to provide financial assistance to graduate students wishing to enter the biotechnology field. Students in these programs will, in turn, provide an educated workforce for the many biotech companies surrounding CI's campus.

CI students pursuing the two professional science master's (PSM) programs have the opportunity to study scientific principles and knowledge underlying the rapidly advancing field of biotechnology and will learn sophisticated lab techniques in research and development. They will be exposed to legal and intellectual property issues and learn the skills and knowledge important in business and bioentrepreneurship.

Working with faculty and experts from biotech companies like Amgen, Baxter, Ceres, Alzheimer's Institute, Invenios, Integrity Biosolutions, Librede, Stellar Biotechnologies, Kythera Biopharmaceuticals, Symbion Research International, NeuroSystec, Celavie BioSciences and well known academic institutions such as UCLA, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Santa Barbara, USC, the Scripps Research Institute, and City of Hope Beckman Research Institute, students are offered a wealth of internships and participation in relevant research projects. They also have the advantage of being able to learn from industry and research experts in their fields.

The programs' goals are that, through experiential, multidisciplinary learning, students will develop a wide range of skills in research, critical thinking, problem solving, communication, collaboration and interpersonal skills that will enable them to reach their future career goals.

To date, these two PSM programs are considered the best in the 23 campus CSU system, with the dual degree program being awarded an Outstanding Academic Program Award. These PSM programs have received multiple grants and can boast that all of its graduates are currently either employed in the biotech industry, engaged in research or are pursuing doctoral degrees.

For further information about the MS in Biotechnology and Bioinformatics program and the MS in Biotechnology and MBA dual degree programs, contact Extended University at: extedu@csuci.edu or 805-437-3201.

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CI Mission Statement

Placing students at the center of the educational experience, California State University Channel Islands provides undergraduate and graduate education that facilitates learning within and across disciplines through integrative approaches, emphasizes experiential and service learning, and graduates students with multicultural and international perspectives.