2017 WAVE FELLOWS WEBINAR
Who are we?

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Introduction

- Overview of the WAVE Fellows Program
- The application process
- Important dates
- Questions and chat
WAVE Fellows Program

Caltech’s WAVE Fellows Program aims to foster diversity by increasing the participation of underrepresented students in science and engineering Ph.D. programs and to make Caltech’s programs more visible and accessible to students not traditionally exposed to Caltech.

The program is extended, but not limited to

- Underrepresented minorities
- Women
- First generation college students
- Geographically underrepresented students
- Educationally and financially disadvantaged students
- Students with disabilities
Eligibility

- Be sophomores juniors, or non-graduating senior
- Have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.2
- Have an interest in pursuing a PhD or MD/PhD
  - If you are interested in pursuing an MD, this program is not for you.
- Have prior research experience
- Must be U.S Citizen, permanent resident or have DACA status
WAVE Fellows Program at Caltech

- Open to ~20 students
- Focus on summer research and graduate school preparation
- Weekly seminars by Caltech faculty & JPL scientists
- A smaller, cohort experience
- Weekly small student faculty-dinners
- Various social and cultural activities
- Full immersion into Caltech community
WAVE Fellows Program at Caltech

- A full-time commitment
  - Ten-weeks
  - The program begins on Monday, June 18

- Educational requirements:
  - Interim reports, abstract, final paper, final presentation

- Weekly seminars
Compensation

- WAVE Fellows receive payments of $600/week.
- Fellows also receive a $500 travel/housing allowance.
- Caltech housing is available and we strongly encourage all Fellows to live on campus.
Overview of Application Process

- Applicants submit:
  - an application
  - three letters of recommendation from faculty (at least two in the relevant discipline)
  - an unofficial transcript

- Students apply to the program and are asked to identify potential Caltech/JPL mentors.

- Students awarded a fellowship will be matched with a research mentor.
The Application

- Who you are, where you live
- Courses you’ve taken or will take
- Extracurricular activities
- Prizes and awards
- How this project fits into academic/career goals
- Anything else you want to tell us
Letters of Recommendation

- Three confidential letters of recommendation, at least two from a faculty member in a relevant field

- The other could be from someone else in your campus community who can speak to your academic/research strengths
Timeline

January 12  Applications and Rec Letters Due
March       WAVE awards made on a rolling basis
June 18    WAVE begins
August 24   WAVE ends
Website

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