UCInspire
International Student Program
Immersive Research Experience

June 24 – August 30, 2024 (10 weeks)
(*Based on student requests, the program time may change to July 1 to September 6*)

OVERVIEW

Founded in 1965, the University of California Irvine is located in sunny Orange County, California, about 50 Miles from Los Angeles. The school is known for its excellent geographical location, learning and living environment, and the support from a large number of high-tech enterprises in Orange County, making UCI the fastest growing school in the UC system. The faculty includes internationally renowned scholars and researchers who are dynamic, dedicated teachers. Three UCI faculty members have also won Nobel Prizes.

UCI has been ranked 10th among the nation's public universities – and 33rd overall – on U.S. News & World Report's 2023-2024 list of "Best Colleges,". The Samueli School of Engineering is ranked 19th in the U.S. News & World Report's current listing of best public engineering graduate programs. The School of Engineering includes the following six departments: Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, Materials Science Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Biomedical Engineering. Among the 160 professors, there are 14 faculty members who are members of the National Academy of Engineering. Faculty members are leading scholars in their disciplines and have achieved worldwide honors and recognition for their pioneering research and dedicated teaching.

The UCInspire program organized by The Samueli School of Engineering at University of California, Irvine, is a 10-week research training program to provide a comprehensive engineering experience to participants. Each student will select and work on a specific project under the supervision of a faculty mentor and deliver a final presentation to conclude the research project. In addition, students will participate in a series of professional development and technical seminars to develop a global perspective on engineering. Academic units will be awarded upon completion.

WEBSITE

http://sites.uci.edu/ucinspire/

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Research training under world-class faculty
- Cultivating multi-disciplinary interaction
- Differentiating your graduate application with a U.S. university research experience
- Opportunity to obtain a recommendation letter from faculty mentor
- Consultation with UCI engineering graduate applications
- Professional/career development
- Experiencing American culture and diversity
- 6 transferable academic units (2 units if remote learning format is requested)

PROGRAM REQUIREMENT

- Engineering or science major
- At least two years of study completed (3rd year students preferred)
- Top 20% by ranking or minimum GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale
- Excellent communication skills
- Proof of English proficiency, 85 iBT TOEFL or 6.5 IELTS
- Plans to attend graduate programs abroad
- Motivated, independent and responsible individuals
- Prior research experience is a plus

IMPORTANT DATES

- Application Deadline: January 15, 2024
- Online Interview: January 22 – February 16, 2024
- Project Matching and Acceptance Letter: February 19 – March 8, 2024
- Start Applying for Visa: March 18, 2024 (tentative)

PROGRAM COST

The total cost includes program administration and activities, transferable academic course credit fee, UCI visa processing fee, research expenses, health insurance. Program cost excludes estimates on airfare, housing, meals, visa fees and personal expenses. Students will have different options for housing. On-campus housing may be available at approximately $2500 per student during the program.

Item	Estimated Cost
Program Fee (including 6 units)	$3581
Research Expenses	$2000
Health Insurance (10 weeks)	$585
Mandatory Campus fee	$284
Visa (I-20) Fee for summer session	$750
Total	**$7200**

*Should the student request remote learning format, the program cost will be $5200 USD.

- Please apply to the program officially online.
  - Fill out the online application with your official transcript and one-page personal statement uploaded.
  - Provide your two references and the top 5 faculty choices on the online application as well. If no faculty matches your interest, please indicate your preferred professor whose research area best aligns with your interest. You can learn about each faculty member's research area by referring to the Samueli School of Engineering website.
  - Please visit https://sites.uci.edu/ucinspire/application/ for more details.