SURP 2018

11th Year



Students, faculty, and the institution benefit when a vibrant undergraduate research culture is an important part of the University's identity. Engagement in empirical research is directly correlated to increased student participation in the learning process, increased retention, enhanced learning experiences, and exemplifies a practical approach of integrating faith and learning.

Biochemistry (7.27%) Biology (47.27%) History (10.91%) Kinesiology (3.64%) Liberal Studies (3.64%) Psychology (7.27%) Sociology (16.36%) Other (3.64%) Grade Point Avg. Applicants Fellows 20 30 40 60 10 50

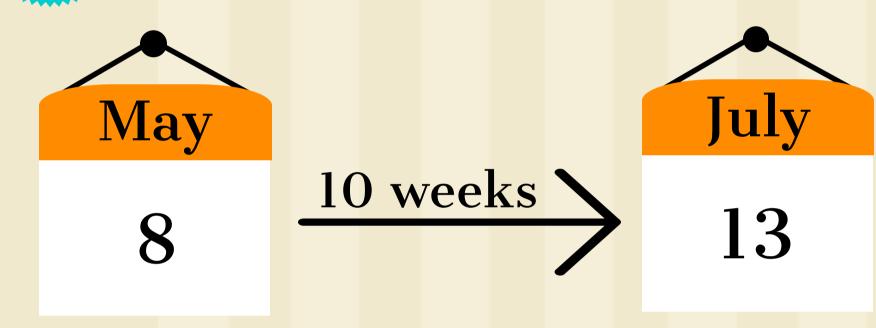
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OUR APPLICANTS



Hispanic Enrollment

- request housing
- are employed outside of SURP
- are STEM majors!



- → Library Research Skills
- --> Ethics Training
- → Oral & Poster Presentations
- → Method Development
- → Develop Laboratory Skills
- → Gain Teamwork & Collaboration Skills



"This opportunity has provided me with the confidence and determination in science I so desired. SURP gave me the independence to create and optimize my own protocols! I was able to develop my lab skills and collaborate with some of the most talented students! Thank you to God, my family, and Dr. Sirvent for pushing me and believing in me!"

-Tracy Samaniego (Biology, 2017)

"SURP helped me grow as a young researcher by challenging with new knowledge and me laboratory techniques. The most valuable part of my research experience was the constant encouragement and support I received from my mentor and SURP fellows!" -Paige Braden (Psychology, 2017)





"I am thankful to have been given the opportunity to participate in SURP 2017. Through this program, I was able to learn more about the process of developing a research project. It was also through SURP that I was able to make some extraordinary friends!"

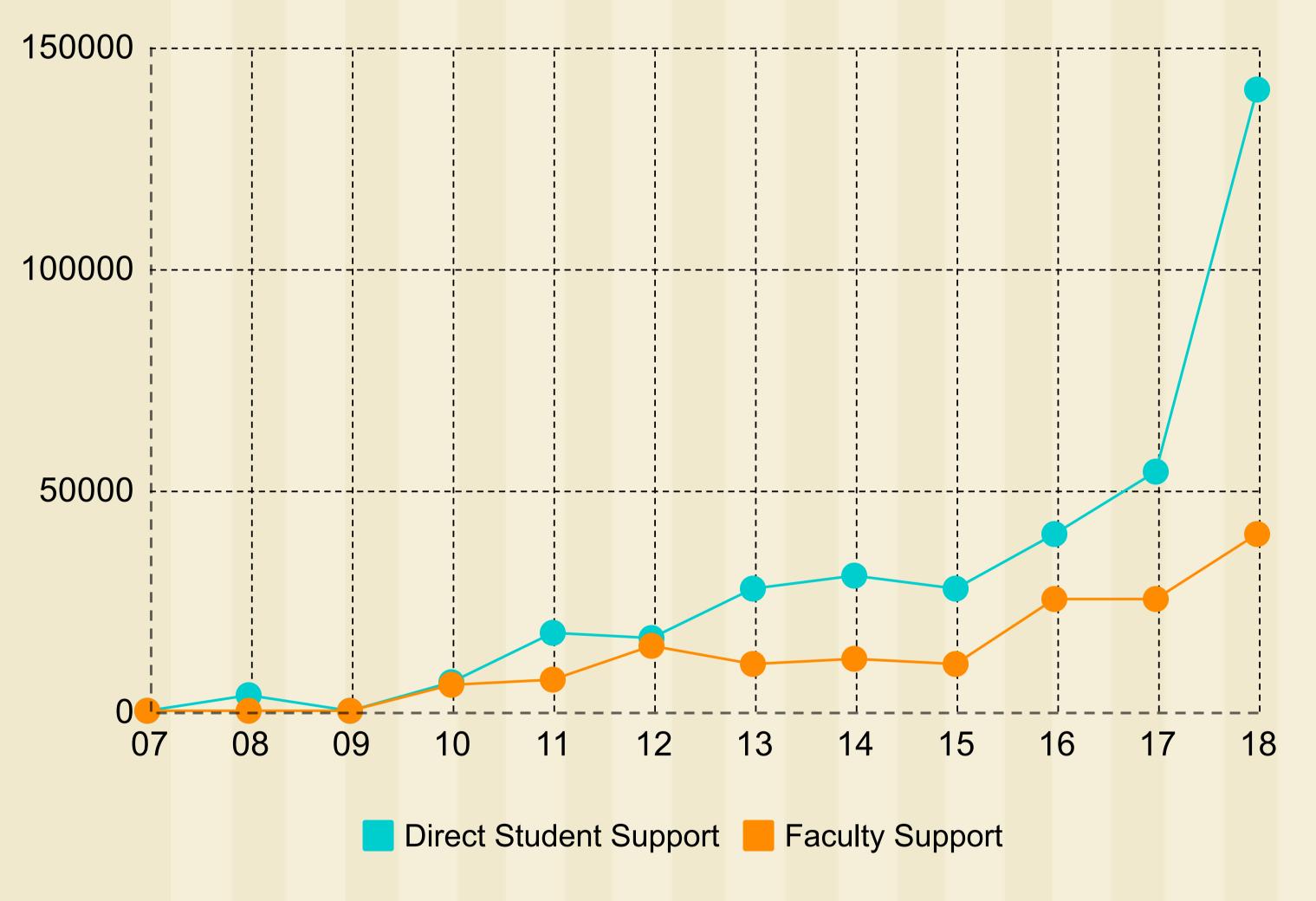
-Emily Andrade (Sociology, 2019)

"SURP continuously challenged me to learn new ways of research skills through computational chemistry. I was constantly excited and interested in my research, and SURP made me excited to pursue more research in the future!"

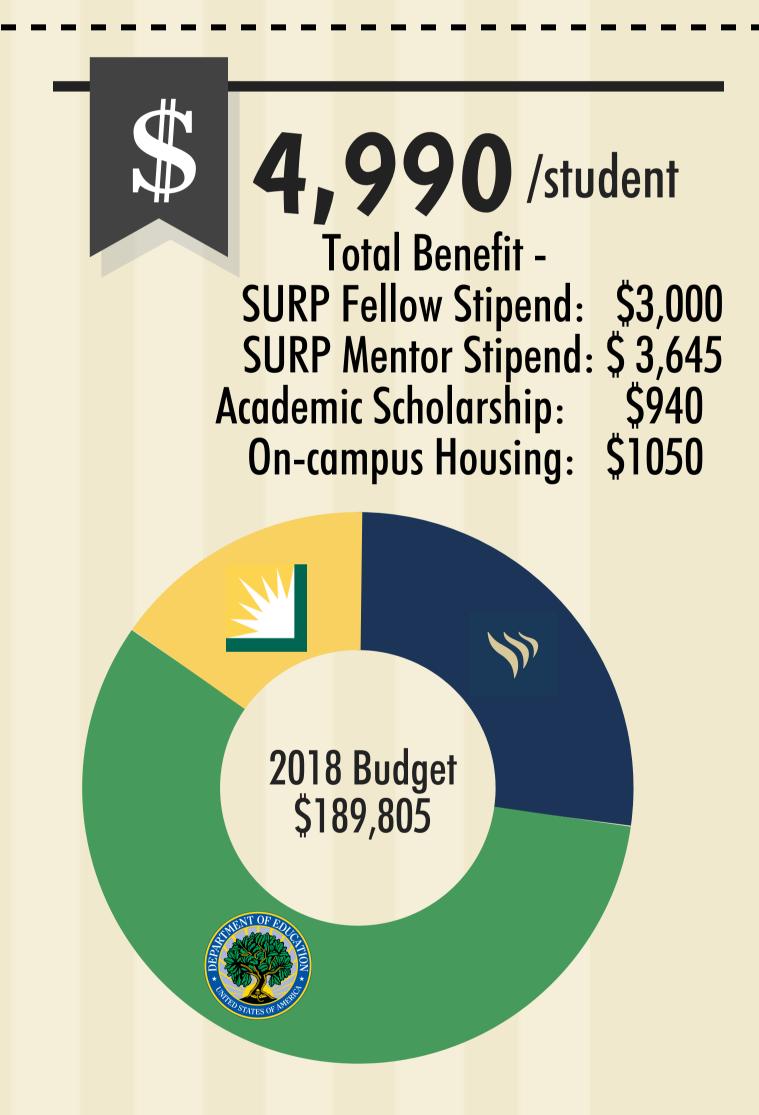
-Mia Kilekas (Biology, 2018)



BUDGET INFO



SURP began within the Department of Chemistry in 2007 with 6 students and 2 faculty members who volunteered their time. In recent years, cross-disciplinary collaborations with Sociology, Psychology, and History were added. This year there are 10 faculty members and 31 students participating in the program.



Vanguard Funds (27.15%) Title V Funds (57.45%)

SCE Funds (15.40%)



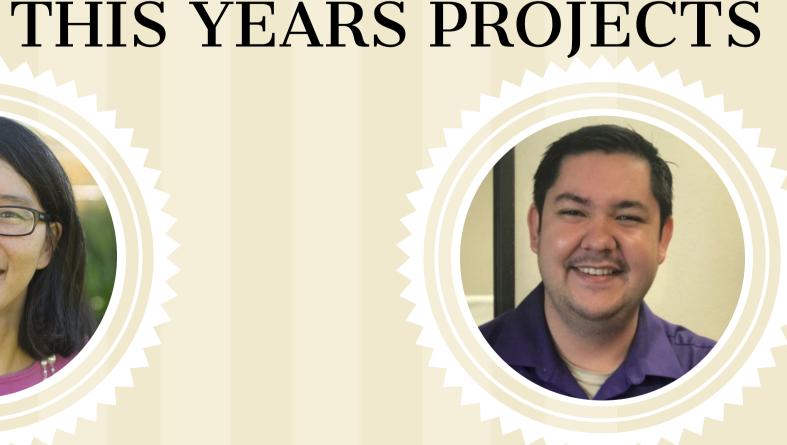
Dr. John Terhorst Developing HIV drug targets



Dr. Itzel Calleja-Macias Type II Diabetes variation on **Hispanic Populations**



Dr. Siamin Fung Characterization of E-cadherin in Drosophilia Brain



Joshua Thompson Characterization of seratonin in Brassica rapa



Dr. Roxanna Ochoa **Biological Control of Nematode Parasites** with Nematophagous Fungi



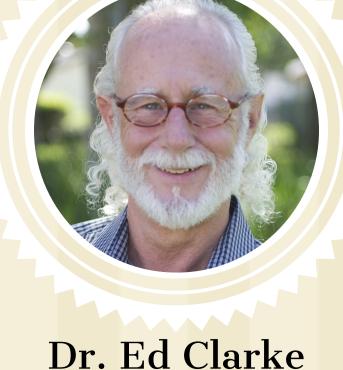
Dr. Jorge Reyes Ruiz Alzheimer's Disease and the Immune System



Dr. Tara Sirvent Microbial Biodiversity within California Deserts



Dr. Alex Lin Latino Youth Participation in **Afterschool Activities**



Exploring Political Ideologies and

Activism of College Students



Life in the Royal Navy



Dr. Michael Hanna Disruption of Methamphetamine **Associated Memories**