Curious about how to be successful in today’s business world, better understand financial markets, and the workings of the economy?

We invite you to explore life as a student on the UC Davis campus and gain firsthand experience in applied economics research. We encourage you to apply to be part of the first cohort of community college students participating in the Student Applied Economics Research Training (SET) program. This program is a key component of the Diversity and Inclusion in Research, Education, and Career Training (DIRECT) program administered by UC Davis’ Agricultural and Resource Economics (ARE) Department. The goal of the DIRECT program is to connect students from historically under-represented groups to applied economic research and prepare them for successful careers in industry, government, and academia in this exciting field.

Program Components

Students in the SET cohort will participate in a year-long series of activities at the UC Davis campus designed to provide in-depth exposure to and direct participation in research related to the economics of agriculture, environment and natural resources in California. Each participant will come to the UC Davis campus at least once during the Fall, Winter and Spring quarters to participate in the following activities:

- Career Connections Speaker Series
- Research Seminars
- ARE Research Field Day
- Summer Applied Research Course

Financial Support

The Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) fee will be waived for all students participating students transferring to UC Davis. A limited number of $1000 summer research scholarships will be made available for students with demonstrated financial need in order to offset the loss of wages and other income associated with participating in the Summer Applied Research Course. Students will also be eligible for $50 transportation stipends to visit the Davis campus throughout the year.

Eligibility

The SET program is designed for community college students intending to transfer to the Managerial Economics major at UC Davis in the fall quarter following the Summer Applied Research Course. Students applying must meet the criteria listed here.

Application

The deadline for applying to this program is July 1, 2022. Students must submit their current community college transcript and complete two short essays. Apply here.

Timeline

| Summer 2022 | Applications to the SET program (and request for transportation stipend) due by July 1, 2022. SET cohort announced and participants notified by July 31, 2022. |
| Fall 2022 | Participation in Career Connections Speaker Series, Research Seminars, and Research Field Day. Work on UC Davis transfer application due by November 30, 2022 (TAG due by September 30, 2022). |
| Winter 2023 | Participation in Career Connections Speaker Series, Research Seminars, and Research Field Day. UC Davis admission decisions announced. |
| Spring 2023 | Participation in Career Connections Speaker Series, Research Seminars, and Research Field Day. Submit FAFSA and Cal Grant GPA Verification form by March 2, 2023 to be considered for financial support during the Summer Applied Research Course. Submit Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) and Statement of Legal Residence (SLR) by June 1, 2023. |
| Summer 2023 | Participate in the SET Program in Summer Applied Research Course (Summer session II: August 7 – September 15, 2023). |
| Fall 2023 | Begin taking classes in the Managerial Economics Major. |