

# UC Irvine Public Policy Prep (P3)



*Preparing STEM Scientists for Advocacy & Careers in Public Policy*

**Program Launch  
Featuring: Alzheimer's OC**


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## UCI P3: Inspiration







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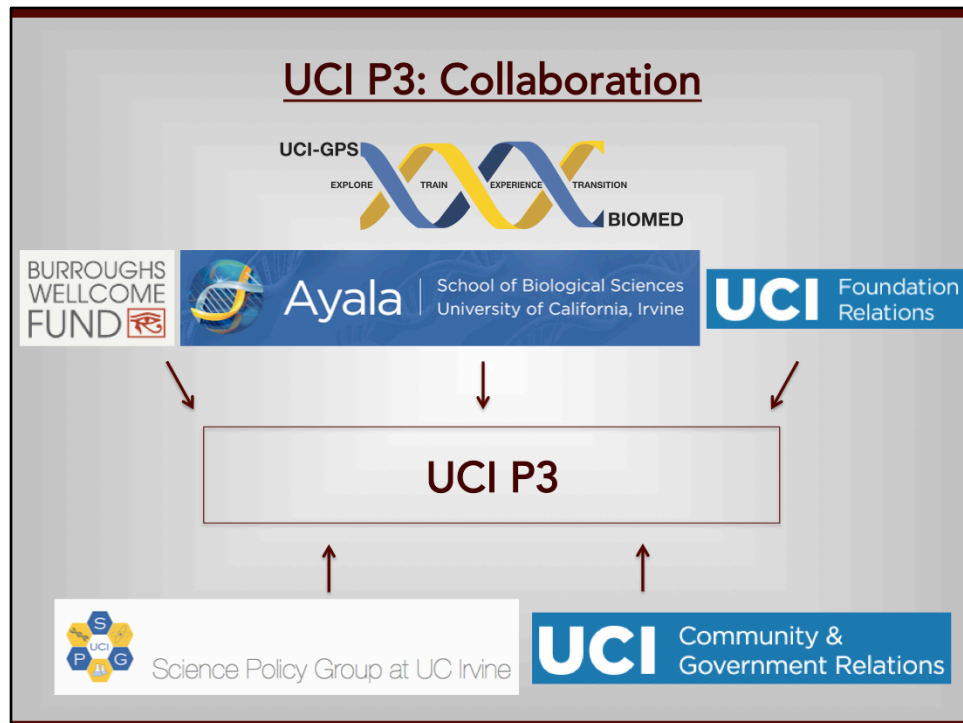


**Part 2: Effective Communication between Scientists and Policymakers**

Friday, December 16th  
UCI University Club, Library Room  
12 - 1:30PM  
Lunch buffet provided beginning at 11:30AM



In December of 2016, GPS-BIOMED hosted a 2-part science policy series highlighting (1) career opportunities for scientists and (2) successful collaborations between scientists and policymakers. The series brought together academic scientists, scientists in policy roles and graduate students and postdocs from a variety of STEM fields. Over 150 UCI scientists attended the series and learned about the importance of tailoring a message, understanding an audience and actively listening. The success following this series led us to develop UCI P3.



UCI P3 is funded by the Burroughs Wellcome Fund. In February 2017, GPS-BIOMED submitted a proposal describing the P3 program that was successfully awarded. The Ayala School of Biological Sciences and UCI Foundations Relations were close collaborators during the grant development phase. The UCI Science Policy Group and UCI Community and Government Relations have been important partners during program implementation and execution.

## UCI P3: Program Goals & Format

GOALS

- Increase knowledge of & experience with public policy processes
- Increase knowledge of & experience with advocacy related to science policy
- Develop the ability of scientists to communicate effectively with policymakers

APPROACH

Our three-tiered program fuses learning & practice. Grad students & postdocs choose their degree of participation within the following tiers.

- Tier 1 (F 2017): Build a foundation through interactive seminars & workshops
- Tier 2 (W - Su 2018): Apply skills working on policy & advocacy projects
- Tier 3 (Sp 2018): Meet with policymakers at the local, state & federal level

**UCI P3 Timeline:**

Tier 1: Seminar ..... Tier 2: Trainee Working Group Projects .....  
 & Workshop Series ..... Tier 3: Meetings with Policymakers

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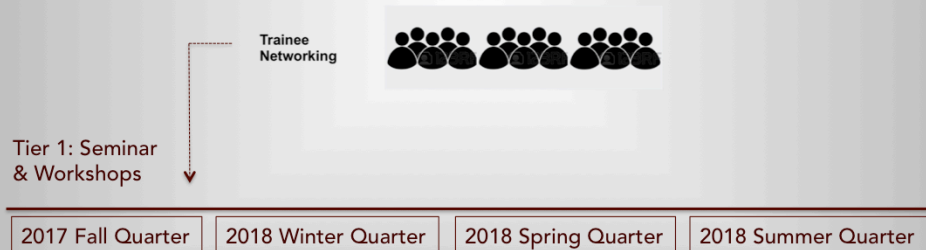
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UCI P3 goals and timeline are listed above.

## UCI P3: Tier 1 – Building a Foundation

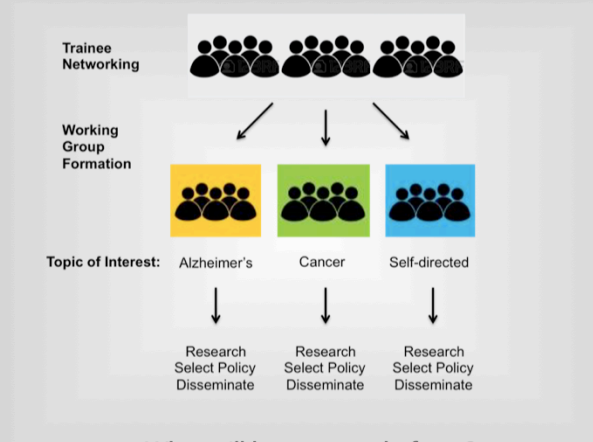
### What will be expected of you?

- Attend seminars/workshops that are of interest to you and that will fill knowledge & skill gaps
- Begin to hone your interests & network with others



Tier 1 will end with a networking event (late Nov/early Dec) that will bring P3 trainees together. Trainees will be encouraged to mingle and share what they are passionate about. This event is intended to facilitate the organic assembly of the working groups.

## UCI P3: Tier 2 – Gaining Experience in Teams








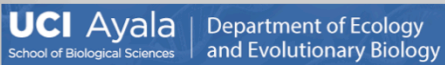


What will be expected of you?

- Apply newly gained information & skills by examining specific issues in small working groups ~5-10hr/week

Tier 2: P3 trainees will engage in working groups focused on self-identified interests *or* activities of our local advocacy partners. Once formed, groups will be encouraged to identify specific policy issues, devise talking points and decide on dissemination methods. These methods may include speaking with appropriate stakeholders, writing op-eds, and responding to Dear Colleague letters. A campus mentor or community partner will be assigned to each group to aid them during this process.

## UCI P3: Tier 2 – Community & Campus Partners

	→ Increase awareness of the lack geriatric psychiatric stabilization beds in OC
	→ TBD, campus visit scheduled for November Cancer Lobby Day (August)
	→ Education & Mental Health Projects
	→ TBD, meet & greet scheduled for November Alzheimer's Advocacy Day (February)
	→ <i>Science For the People</i> , Op-eds focused on education, AI, mental health & addiction
	→ Work on projects directly associated with the CA Air Resources Board
	→ Mentors for self-directed working group
	→ Climate outreach & advocacy

UCI P3 community and on-campus partners are listed above. Each partner has or will select specific projects for trainees to work on. Some projects are currently listed next to the community or campus partner.

## UCI P3: Tier 3 – Policy & Advocacy in Action

Meet with elected officials at the local, state or federal level!



In partnership with UCI Community and Government Relations, select trainees will have the chance to meet with legislators, staffers or other policymakers who are directly linked to policy issues explored during working group research projects. These visits can occur locally, at the state capitol or in Washington D.C. Trainees who are selected will be highly engaged participants who show outstanding dedication, leadership and teamwork throughout their time in P3.



## UCI P3: Tier 3 – Policy & Advocacy in Action

### What will be expected of you?

- Be highly engaged & show outstanding dedication, leadership and teamwork
- Present working group projects & network with local policymakers at our year-end reception



### UCI P3 Timeline:

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& Workshop Series ..... Tier 3: Meetings with Policymakers

2017 Fall Quarter

2018 Winter Quarter

2018 Spring Quarter

2018 Summer Quarter

In Spring 2018, we will have a UCI P3 year-end reception where each working group will share the projects they have worked on. UCI faculty members, students and staff from across campus will be invited to attend. Community members, local policy makers and their staff will also be invited.

## UCI P3: Unify Science Policy Initiatives



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### What you can expect from P3 Leadership:

- Centralize & highlight information about policy & advocacy opportunities specific for STEM scientists
- Connect you to UCI alumni working in public policy & advocacy
- Facilitate communication between trainees & P3 partners

One aspiring outcome of UCI P3 is to unify the various science policy groups and initiatives across campus. Doing so will help provide a supportive network for trainees seeking to participate in advocacy and/or enter public policy.