



# Summer Leadership Institute

2016

The iDREAM Summer Leadership Institute, a summer enrichment program collaboration with USC Diversity in Healthcare Leadership Initiative, is a 5-day life course leadership and team skills-building boot-camp focused on eliminating health disparities and infant mortality in Los Angeles County.

**High School  
Student  
Application**



**iDREAM Community Service Day at the 2014 Forgiving for Living Conference**

March 1, 2016

Dear SMA High School Parents and Students,

Your advocacy and engagement are more important than ever at this historic time with iDREAM for Racial Health Equity.

The 2016 calendar year celebrates my 20 years of community-defined practices with emerging health leaders focused on eliminating health disparities and infant mortality in Southern California. In 2011, we reorganized our mission and launched iDREAM for Racial Health Equity, a project of Community Partners® *“committed to empowering a pipeline of millennial and community health advocate leaders with a deeper understanding of the cultural, societal, environmental and economic issues impacting the health outcomes and resilience for mothers and babies throughout the life course.”*

Our signature Summer Leadership Institute is a 5-day boot camp leadership and skill-building cohort. Students learn core competencies that link responsive solutions to stress, racism, pregnancies and communities. Students engage in personal health stewardship; discover where inter-disciplinary majors fit within the healthcare industry; and understand how the Affordable Care Act affects legislation in the State of California and where we live, work, play and go to school.

In 2013, iDREAM launched its SMA pilot outreach with the SMA Health Careers Program. To date, eight SMA students successfully completed the Summer Leadership Institute and five dual-enrolled in the iDREAM and USC Diversity in Healthcare Leadership Initiative career exploration cohort. This means that SMA students receive transformational alumna mentoring and leadership experience before graduation and join the iDREAM regional and global network.

I am excited to invite your daughter and broaden her experience as a skilled translator of community health assets through the lens of culture, diversity, equity, faith and social justice. Your loyalty and our Belle pride are among the greatest treasure and exchange to continue the SMA tradition – educating millennial of Women of Distinction.

Thank you,

Wenonah Valentine, MBA  
Blue Tie, Class of 1972

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*“I am driven to be a young, black and smart leader with a vision and a story because telling our stories helps educate others and motivate them to overcome their daily obstacles. I want to contribute to my community in an organization that helps us overcome barriers caused by the lack of knowledge and lack of resources.”*  
Aysa Collins, Blue Tie Class of 2016  
SMA Alumni Ambassador, 2015 Summer Leadership Institute

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**Important Dates: 2016 iDREAM Summer Enrichment Programs**

- ▶ **March 1, 2016:** Application release date
- ▶ **April 30, 2016:** Application closing date
- ▶ **May 13, 2016:** Selection Review Committee applicant ratings deadline
- ▶ **May 15, 2016:** Announce iDREAM Cohort #6 applicants and program theme
- ▶ **June 2016:** Mandatory Cohort #6 Orientation (to be announced)

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

**SMA Parents Association Orientation on February 9, 2016**

Who are encouraged to apply?	High school juniors and seniors, community college transfers, undergraduates, graduating and post-Baccalaureates.
What is the cost?	There is no tuition cost to the applicant.
Will you accept applications from freshmen and sophomores?	No. Juniors and seniors have a baseline of knowledge that pre-qualifies their learning with undergraduate and graduate students.
What if my daughter is interested, but she is not enrolled in the Health Careers Program?	The 5-day skill-building cohort is designed to connect students to health as a personal health stewardship throughout the life course; discover and explore careers in the healthcare industry; and understand the Affordable Care Act and its impact on health consumers and policy making. Our aim is to strengthen the “soft skills” or emotional intelligence and generational communication skill-building required in the digital global marketplace.
Does you accept students with less than a 3.0 GPA?	Yes. Students are encouraged to make a case for overcoming academic and/or personal experiences within the personal statement.
Is there a preference given to SMA students?	Yes. Students who dual-enroll in the USC/iDREAM summer enrichment programs are given preference.
Are student applicants rejected?	Yes. The summer enrichment programs are competitive with applicants within public and private colleges and universities. iDREAM will reserve a maximum of 15 cohort learners for the 2016 program.
What else do I need to know?	<p>Enrollment is a one-time opportunity.</p> <p>Alumni can apply for the iDREAM Millennial Leaders Advisory Council; receive advances leadership coaching and team skill-building as Health Communications Specialists; serve as program advisors for the 2017 learning cohort; and participate in community service with the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Forgiving for Living Conference for girls ages 12-18 years old.</p> <p>Once accepted, parents of students under 18 years of age are required to fill out and return risk management forms for iDREAM and USC.</p>
Program Location:	University of Southern California (USC) Sol Price School of Public Policy Located at the University Park Campus, 650 Child’s Way, Los Angeles, CA
Time Commitment:	Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

**Check One:**

- iDREAM Summer Leadership Institute  
July 11-15, 2016
- Dual enroll iDREAM and USC Diversity  
in Healthcare Leadership Initiative  
July 25-29, 2016



email  
later than March 31, 2016.

**2016 Summer Learning Institute  
July 11, 2016 – July 15, 2016**

**A. PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY/REQUIREMENTS (MUST MEET CRITERIA BELOW)**

- Current student or graduate of accredited U.S. college or university. Please describe if you are in high school.
- Maintain a strong academic record
- Two letters of Recommendation
- 500-word Personal statement

**B. PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last Name* *First Name* *Middle Initial*

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Los Angeles County Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation:  Car  Public Transportation  Purchase Parking Permit (\$12 per day/\$60 week)  
Program site located at the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy – University Park Campus

**C. DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

- Age:  Millennial (B. 1981-2000)  Generation X (B. 1965-1980)  
 Baby Boomers (B. 1946-1964)  Veterans (B. 1922-1945)
- Gender:  Female  Male
- Marital Status:  Single  Married  Divorced/Separated

**Ethnicity: (please check all that apply)**

- African/African American/Black** includes people descended from the Caribbean or the African continent.
- Arab American/Middle Eastern** includes people descended from the Arab Peninsula, the Middle East or Northern Africa.
- Asian/Asian American** includes people descended from East or Southeast Asia or the Indian subcontinent.
- Latino/Hispanic** includes people descended from Mexico, Central or South American, Cuba, Puerto Rico or other Spanish culture or origin.
- Native American/Alaska Native** includes people descended from indigenous peoples of the Americas and Alaska.
- Native Hawaiian** includes people descended from indigenous people of the Hawaiian Islands.
- Pacific Islander** includes people descended from any of the Pacific Islands (except Hawaii) including, for example, Guam, Samoa, Tonga and Fiji.
- White (non-Hispanic or Latino)** includes people descended from Western and Eastern Europe.
- Multiracial/Multiethnic** includes people who are descended from two or more racial or ethnic categories.

- Other Race or Ethnicity** – The race or ethnicity is not described by the categories above. Please specify the actual race or ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_
- Unknown** – The race or ethnicity is unknown.

\*categories adapted from the California Wellness Foundation [www.calwellness.org](http://www.calwellness.org)

**D. ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

I am classified as a:     Full-time Student     Part-time Student \_\_\_\_\_ hours.

Please explain if the summer enrichment program is a “gap year” opportunity. In other words, you are not currently enrolled in an accredited college or university and want to participate in the program before completing a baccalaureate or post-baccalaureate degree program. Describe your goals to seek or complete higher education in personal statement.

**Classification for Fall 2016:**

**High School:**     Junior     Senior

**\*\*additional parent/guardian release forms required for participants under 18 years of age.**

**College:**     Freshman     Sophomore     Junior     Senior     Post-BA/BS Degree

**Advanced Degree:**  Graduate School     Professional School

(Expected or Received) Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_ (month) \_\_\_\_\_ (year)

Academic Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA\* \_\_\_\_\_ (cumulative)  
*\*If your academic institution is not a 4.0 scale provide the scoring conversion key from your school.*

**OTHER SCHOOLS ATTENDED** (*List chronologically all colleges and universities attended*)

Name of School and Location	From MO/YR	To MO/YR	Degree Obtained? Yes (please state) or No

**E. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Attention High School Students:** We encourage you to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> high school student and parent orientation at St. Mary’s Academy in Inglewood, CA. All interested applicants from Los Angeles-area high schools are encouraged to attend. The date will be announced.

**Attention Parents of High School Students:** We are planning a Saturday boot-camp for parents to learn more about eliminating health disparities and infant mortality. More details will be available at the 3<sup>rd</sup> student and parent orientation.

**All Applicants:** A networking reception (alumni, students, faculty, community and industry leaders) will take place on **Thursday, July 10, 2016** and held at the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy. More details to follow.

**APPLICATION CHECKLIST:**

Use the following list to be sure that you have all of the necessary documents needed for consideration into the program. Please email pdf and/or scan documents:

- Original application.** Remember only properly filled out applications will be considered for the 2016 Summer Learning Institute. Take the extra time to make sure all blanks are filled in correctly.
- Proof of enrollment** in current the academic institution.
- Unofficial transcripts** from all academic institutions attended.
- Personal statement** of a maximum of 500 words stating:
  - ✓ Describe your interest in eliminating health disparities and infant mortality.
  - ✓ What can you contribute to the Summer Learning Institute?
  - ✓ Give one example of your personal leadership and what it means to you.
  - ✓ Tell us your future career goals.
  - ✓ Please state additional challenges, including an explanation related to your “gap year(s).”
- Letters of recommendation:** Submit **two** letters of recommendation from individuals who have or had direct insight into your leadership performance within in an academic, volunteer, service learning or workplace setting.
- Complete resume,** include volunteer and community service experience as well as academic involvement and school organizations (two pages maximum).

<b>How did you hear about the iDREAM Summer Learning Institute?</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Parent	<input type="checkbox"/> Friend	<input type="checkbox"/> Faculty/Staff	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> iDREAM for Racial Health Equity		<input type="checkbox"/> USC Diversity in Healthcare Leadership Initiative	

**ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE REVIEWED.**  
**Application Date: Saturday, April 30, 2016**  
**Applications due by 11:59 pm**  
**Late applications will not be accepted.**  
Space limited to 15 applicants for the 2016 learning cohort.

**Upload One PDF and Email APPLICATIONS TO:**

**Email inquiries no later than March 31, 2016**

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