

Department: **MESA, College of Science, Technology and Business**

Working Title: **MESA Fellow (Summer Undergraduate Researcher)**

Classification: **Instructional Student Assistant**

Number of Openings: **11**

Pay Rate: **\$23.84/hour**

Appointment: **up to 30 hours per week**

Expected Dates of Employment: **Monday, June 9, 2025 - Sunday, August 3, 2025**

Deadline to Apply: **Sunday, April 13, 2025, 11:59 PM**

Requisition #: **MESA_2425_SUM**

DUTIES OF THE POSITION

As a MESA Fellow, you can expect the following:

- An 8-weeks research project
- Regular check-ins with your Principal Investigator (Faculty Member)
- Bi-weekly MESA Fellows group meetings
- One-on-one check-ins with MESA Lead
- Submit and present a final research poster at the STEM Summer Research Symposium (date TBD)
- MESA Fellows will work up to 30 hours per week for 8 weeks at \$23.84 per hour
 - Start date: Monday, June 9, 2025
 - End date: Sunday, August 3, 2025
- Principal Investigators (P.I.) will receive a \$1,200 stipend at the end of the summer
 - \$300 is available to purchase research materials

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

The ability to learn and perform assigned work; work cooperatively with faculty, staff, and other students; and accept responsibility. Completion of specific coursework may be required in order to teach, grade, complete research, or tutor for a course. Admission or registration as a University student. Note: Exceptions to the minimum eligibility qualifications may be granted at the sole discretion of the University.

HIRING CRITERIA

MESA Fellows must be current undergraduate students in the MESA program. Students graduating this spring or summer are not eligible. Students must work with a Sonoma State Faculty when conducting their research.

In the selection process, we will prioritize the following:

- First time applicants to the MESA Fellows Summer Undergraduate Research Program
- Students with no prior summer research experiences
- Students who have been a MESA member in Fall 2024 and earlier

- Junior and Senior standing (you cannot have a planned graduation date of Spring 2025 or Summer 2025)
- Students working with a faculty member within a STEM major MESA supports

HOW TO APPLY

The application closes on **Sunday, April 13, 2025 at 11:59 PM**. MESA students interested in participating in this summer research program will need to:

- Complete the application ([Google Form](#)) which includes the following:
 - Identify a Principal Investigator (faculty mentor) who currently serves as a faculty member at Sonoma State University
 - Project details – The description should include the research topic, research questions and proposed research methods
 - Statement of Purpose – Please provide a 250-500 word statement answering the following questions: (1) Why do you want to participate in summer research? (2) What specific topics or areas of research are you most excited about? (3) How does this opportunity align with your academic and career goals?
- Principal Investigators (P.I.) supporting a MESA Fellow will need to (via [Google Form](#))
 - Provide an approximation of what facilities and materials will be required for the proposed project
 - Submit a letter of support on the student’s behalf that includes:
 - Confirmation that the student and the P.I. have discussed the proposed project
 - Confirmation that the P.I. has or can acquire the facilities and materials necessary for the proposed project

Link to the Google Form application: <https://forms.gle/NFLLVvs7VJHjELjh6>

HIRING NOTIFICATION

Selected MESA Fellows will be notified via email at the end of April and announced at the MESA End of the Year Celebration scheduled on Friday, May 2, 2025 from 4pm-6pm.

SUPERVISOR

Christina Thao (thaoch@sonoma.edu)

OTHER INFORMATION

- The classification, Instructional Student Assistant, is one of three classifications in a collective bargaining unit, Unit 11. Instructional Student Assistants, who must be currently enrolled University students, perform tutoring, grading, or teaching-related duties under the supervision of faculty or professional staff.
- Sonoma State University hires only individuals lawfully authorized to work in the United States. All offers of employment are contingent upon presentation of documents demonstrating the appointee’s identity and eligibility to work, in accordance with the provisions of the Immigration Reform and Control Act.
- The university is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. We consider qualified applicants for employment without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, genetic information, medical condition, disability, marital status, or protected veteran status.
- This position is considered a “mandated reporter” under the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act and is required to comply with the requirements set forth in CSU Executive Order 1083 as a condition of employment.
- Successful candidates may be required to do a background check (including a criminal records check) before work in the position can begin.

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