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For consideration to participate in a given Quarter, students must meet these criteria:

- Identify as being of Hispanic or Latinx background (meaning from a Spanish-speaking culture or descended from a Spanish-speaking culture), *OR* from another racial or ethnic group considered an Underrepresented Minority (URM) group in higher education (per definition below),
- Be a U.S. citizen,
- Be a matriculated UC San Diego Undergraduate,
- Have a 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA at UC San Diego
- Have a declared major in an MSTEM (Medicine, Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics) area, or considering an MSTEM major (if undeclared),
- Expresses interest in Aging-focused and/or Alzheimer's Disease/Related Dementia graduate studies and/or research or clinical career,
- Submit a MADURA Application Form and short essay describing basis for interest in the Program and desired benefits, prior to stated deadlines,
- Student accepts the terms of a contract with the MADURA Program, which outline respective student, MADURA Program and Mentor commitments and obligations, and
- Student commits to attend a weekly 2-hour Group Mentorship meeting, and to work 8 hours/week during time frames offered by their desired placement.

Please note: When eligible student applicants outnumber available placements, priority will be given to continuing MADURA undergraduates who are in good standing. Additional openings will be filled based upon potential match between applicant major and career objectives and the lab training opportunity that is available.

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For purposes of the Program Student Trainee selection, we are using the UCSF Office of Diversity and

Outreach definition of URM student in higher education, defined as "someone whose racial or ethnic makeup

is from one of the following:

- African American / Black

- Asian: Filipino, Hmong*, or Vietnamese only

- Hispanic / Latinx

- Native American / Alaskan Native

- Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander

- Two or more races, when one or more are from the preceding racial and ethnic categories in this list."