

ACCESS is a program that helps community college students transfer to four-year institutions. In particular, ACCESS focuses on students interested in careers in the research sciences who belong to groups that have been traditionally underrepresented in the sciences.

ACCESS is funded through a NIH grant to professor Philip Crews at UC Santa Cruz. The four community colleges that participate in the grant are Hartnell College, Monterey Peninsula College, Gavilan College, and Cabrillo College.

ACCESS-supported activities at Hartnell College include:

- (a) Funding supplemental instruction (SI) sessions for science courses.
- (b) Sponsoring research seminars at Hartnell by university faculty members.
- (c) Field trips to UC Santa Cruz to tour laboratories and establish contacts between Hartnell students and university faculty members.
- (d) Paid internships at the UC Santa Cruz Summer Research Institute (SRI). Students selected to participate in the SRI spend eight weeks performing an original research project in a UCSC faculty member's laboratory. At the end of the eight week program, each student gives a seminar to all SRI faculty members and participants, outlining their project and its results.

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