**2014-2015 CSU STEM VISTA: APPLICATION**

The CSU STEM VISTA Program begins in July 2014. Applications are accepted until all positions are filled. Early applicants have the best opportunity to be selected.

An application package will be considered incomplete until all the required materials have been received. Applications are reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis according to the date received. Program staff will not review an application without all required materials. Please mail all application materials in one envelope, following the instructions below.

**Apply to:**

Andrew Lawson, Associate Dean

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**Deadline for applications: May 7, 2014**

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| **Applicant Information** |
| **First Name:** Click here to enter text. **Last Name:** Click here to enter text.**Permanent Address:** Click here to enter text.  **City:** Click here to enter text. **State:** Click here to enter text. **Zip:** Click here to enter text.**Current Address:** Click here to enter text. **City:** Click here to enter text. **State:** Click here to enter text. **Zip:** Click here to enter text.**Phone:** Click here to enter text. **Email:** Click here to enter text. **Are you at least 18 years old?** [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| **Education***CSU STEM VISTA members must have a Bachelor’s Degree. Please respond to the questions below to determine your eligibility.*  |
| Have you completed your Bachelor’s Degree? | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| If no, anticipated graduation date: | Click here to enter a date. |
| School Name: Click here to enter text. Location: Click here to enter text.Graduation Date: Click here to enter a date. Degree: Click here to enter text.Major: Click here to enter text. |
| **Transportation** |
| Do you have a valid driver’s license?  | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| Although the availability of a personal car is not required for AmeriCorps members, CSU STEM VISTA placement sites must have regular access to a car. Would you have a car available for use during your AmeriCorps service? | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| If no, are you willing to use public transportation if available? | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| **Additional Information** |
| Are you currently serving in an AmeriCorps program or have you participated in an AmeriCorps program in the past?  | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| If yes, please indicate the name of the program and the date your service ends/ended. | Click here to enter text.Click here to enter a date. |
| **Citizenship/Language** |
| Are you a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States? | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| Do you speak a language other than English? | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| If yes,Language: Click here to enter text. [ ]  A Little [ ]  Moderate [ ]  FluentLanguage: Click here to enter text. [ ]  A Little [ ]  Moderate [ ]  Fluent |
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| VISTA members will focus on increasing STEM student success by enhancing hands-on learning. Which of the following are you interested in supporting during your year of service: *(please check all that apply)* |
| [ ]  Science Service Learning[ ]  Research, Internships and Career Knowledge/Exploration |  |  |
| **Personal Statement** |
| On the next page, please address the following questions. Type your response and limit your responses to questions 1 and 2 to no more than 1000 words (total). *The CSU STEM VISTA program strives to increase K-12 and postsecondary student success in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). As the nation’s largest and most diverse university system, the California State University (CSU) plays a critical role in the future success of our economy and our worldwide competitiveness. One area where the nation and the CSU is falling short is meeting the world’s increasing demand for STEM employment, particularly among underrepresented minority students. In 2011-12 only 14% of CSU bachelor’s degrees granted were in STEM disciplines. 2,622 underrepresented minority freshmen began in STEM in fall 2005; only 463 graduated in 6 years. One strategy the CSU is deploying to increase STEM student success is hands-on learning (often referred to as a “high-impact practice” or HIP). Research has shown that HIPs such as service learning, internships, and undergraduate research improve job-ready skills, deepen students’ STEM knowledge and increase graduation rates.*1. **Describe why you are interested in the CSU STEM VISTA program. [500 words]**
2. **How can you, as an individual, help cultivate a solution and contribute to helping youth and college students succeed in STEM? [500 words]**
3. **Attach your resume / CV.**
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| **Reference Information – Include at least one University faculty member** |
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