Q: What is the minimum eligibility requirement to become an Amgen Scholar?
   A: You must be a:
   • U.S. citizen or permanent resident
   • Enrolled in a 4-year college or university in the U.S., Puerto Rico, or other U.S. territory and be a sophomore, junior, or non-graduating senior who will return to school in the fall to continue your undergraduate studies
   • Have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher

Q: What should I do if I created a user name and password but did not receive a confirmation email to complete my access to the online application?
   A: In general, confirmation emails may not be sent instantly
   • 1st Check your Spam/Junk mail,
   • 2nd Click the confirmation button to resend your email confirmation
   • 3rd Use a different email address
   • 4th Contact our program for assistance

Q: Can I apply if I am a freshman applicant?
   A: No. You are ineligible to apply because you must have completed 3 semesters or 4 quarters of college before applying to the Amgen Scholars Program.

Q: Can I apply if I am currently enrolled in a community college?
   A: No. You must be enrolled in a 4-year college or university before you apply.

Q: Can I apply if I am an international applicant?
   A: No. You are ineligible to apply because you must be a US citizen or permanent resident.

Q: Can I still apply if I attend a quarter system college or university?
   A: Yes. Quarter system applicants will participate for approximately 8-9 weeks.

Q: Can I apply to more than one Amgen Scholars Program site?
   A: Yes, you can apply to multiple program sites. Each site has the same minimum eligibility requirements; however, other requirements and application process may vary slightly. Be sure to read each site's requirements carefully.

Q: Is there one common application form for all 10 of the Amgen Scholars Program sites?
   A: No. Each Amgen Scholars site has its own application process.
Q: Can I submit my supporting documents after the application deadline?
A: Yes, we will accept supporting documents for a short time after the deadline; however, only completed applications are reviewed.

Q: Are unofficial transcripts accepted?
A: Yes. UC Berkeley accepts unofficial. Upload your transcript(s) as a PDF and your current transcript must include your 2015 fall grades. Study Abroad applicants may submit their fall grades later, if needed. Please do not mail, email, or fax your transcript to the program.

Q: Do I need to submit my transcript(s) at the same time I submit my online application?
A: No. Transcripts can be submitted at various times including after you submit your application.

Q: I am graduating in the spring of 2016, am I eligible to apply?
A: No. You must be returning to your undergraduate college or university in fall 2016 to continue your studies.

Q: How do I calculate my GPA or major GPA?
A: Visit UC Berkeley's GPA calculator and enter the units and grades for all your classes or just your major classes. You will need your overall GPA and major GPA when you complete the online application.

Q: My school calculates the GPA using 5.0 scale. How do I convert my GPA to a 4.0 scale?
A: To convert a 5.0 GPA to a 4.0 GPA, divide your cumulative 5.0 GPA by 1.25, or divide your cumulative GPA by 5 then multiply by 4. Both ways will yield the same 4.0 GPA conversions.

Q: How do my letter writers submit their letters of recommendation?
A: With in your online application, you will request for the letter writer to submit a letter of recommendation on your behalf. To make this request, you will enter the names and email address of each letter writer. You can also change or add different request. Carefully follow the instructions provided within the online application.

Q: Whom should I ask to provide a letter of recommendation?
A: Letters from people who have experience working with you in a research setting, faculty mentors, principal investigators, professors, and teachers are preferred. Two letters from the same lab is consider as one letter (i.e. a letter from faculty member and one from your lab mentor-postdoc or graduate student you worked with in the lab)

A letter from your pastor, resident advisor, music teacher, high-school teacher, or relative unless you have worked directly with one of these people conducting research is not preferred.
Q: What if my letter writer is having problems receiving the email request and/or submitting letter?
   A: Have your letter writer to check Spam/Junk mail, resend the request with your online application, and/or contact the program about this issue.

Q: Do I need to submit my letters at the same time I submit my online application?
   A: No. Letter writers can be submitted at various times including after your application is submitted and after the deadline.

Q: Is research experience required to apply?
   A: No. Research experience is not required; however, it is strongly recommended.

Q: Should I list my research experience from high school on my application?
   A: No. You should only list research experience you have obtained as an undergraduate. However, you can mention your high school research in your essay.

Q: When will I know if I am accepted into the UCB Amgen Scholars Program?
   A: Applicants to the program will be notified starting at the end of February and throughout the month of March.

Q: How many summer positions are available?
   A: There are 20 summer positions available.

Q: Can I request specific areas of interest and faculty labs for my summer research placement?
   A: Yes. As part of your online application, you will list your four top research areas of interest and your three top faculty members.

Q: How are lab placements made?
   A: Placements are made based on applicants’ research interest.

Q: Can I leave for a vacation during the program?
   A: No. You are required to participate for the entire 10 weeks except for students on a quarter system who must arrive late and participate approximately 8 or 9 weeks.

Q: Can I participate as an Amgen Scholar for more than one summer?
   A: No. You can only participate once in any Amgen Scholars Program.