

Interested in health research?

The BUILD EXITO undergraduate research program at UAA

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Somewhere out there is a health-related research question that needs someone with your unique background and insights to bring it to light. The goal of BUILD EXITO is to provide you with the support to start on the path toward researching health-related issues. UAA has spaces for 10 BUILD EXITO scholars per year. Next year, maybe one will be you.

BUILD EXITO is a National Institutes of Health (NIH)-funded initiative with the goal of enhancing undergraduate training in health-related research through increased diversity of students and increased integration of research and teaching.

BUILD EXITO scholars at UAA receive extensive mentoring, supervised research opportunities (paid through June, 2019), and summer immersion experiences with peers and faculty from UAA and a consortium of Pacific Rim institutions.

Who can apply?

You can think about applying this winter if you are currently a ***freshman*** with a GPA of **at least 2.5**. If you aren't sure about your eligibility, drop us a line!

As for your major, that's wide open. We're looking for people who are interested in working on problems related in any way to human health. Whether your major is a social science (like psychology or sociology), a natural science (like biology or chemistry), engineering, one of the humanities (like history or Alaska Native studies), a health profession (like social work or nursing), or something else, if you can imagine working on research that will help make people healthier, you should apply!

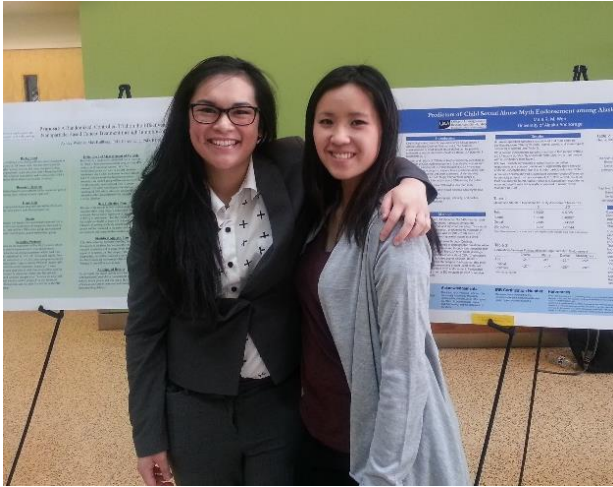
**UAA EXITO Scholars at Orientation in
Portland, OR
June 2016**

Addressing health disparities

The CDC defines health disparities as preventable differences in the burden of disease, injury, violence, or opportunities to achieve optimal health that are experienced by socially disadvantaged populations

Health disparities are one of the defining social and scientific issues of our time. This is a multi-faceted and far-reaching problem, so on the downside it does not have an easy solution. On the upside, though, there's a lot that we can do to address it one facet at a time. The BUILD EXITO program is one of those things.





Learn more!

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For more information about the BUILD EXITO consortium, see <http://www.pdx.edu/exito/university-of-alaska>

Applications will be available on the website December 5, 2016 – February 28, 2017. If you think you might be interested or have questions send us an email.

A Network of Support

UAA EXITO Scholars are matched up with three mentors to help navigate through college and beyond:

- **Research mentor** – this is someone (probably in your own discipline area) whose research you will assist in junior year and supervise your original research project senior year
- **Career mentor** – not necessarily someone in your discipline area, this is someone who you can talk to about any concerns you might have about navigating college or what to do afterwards
- **Peer mentor** – an older student who has a few years extra experience as both a college students and an EXITO Scholar

Application work sessions: January 26, 4-5 LIB 309 and February 15, 11-noon, LIB 309



Portland Orientation 2015