

## PROJECT SEED (Summer Experience for the Economically Disadvantaged)

For 45 years, ACS Project SEED has offered to nearly 9,400 high school students from economically disadvantaged families the opportunity to experience a career in chemistry related sciences. The program places students in academic, industrial, or governmental laboratories for 8 to 10 weeks during the summer to engage in hands-on science research projects with volunteer scientists. SEED was conceived in the California section by Dr. Alan Nixon, past-president of the ACS, and like-minded chemists. Students receive individualized attention, as each mentor supervises only one or two students, they discover their ability to learn new skills, develop self-confidence, learn what advanced study

is like, and develop a greater interest in scientific and technical areas. The students receive a stipend provided by individual donors and industry in the Bay Area. Project SEED was the recipient of the 6th annual Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring.

The California Section of the ACS has the 2nd largest program in the country and is managed by three SEED coordinators: Andrew Breksa, Kenneth Nelson, and Elaine Yamaguchi.

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