

# Christopher Vo

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## Summary

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An ambitious and driven first-generation, undergraduate student working towards a B.S. in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. I am hard-working, amiable, and adaptable, especially to new challenges. Aiming to apply my analytical and leadership skills and abilities. Interested in gaining knowledge and experience in the field of health and medicine and developing my overall character, as an aspiring Physician.

## Education

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**University of California, Davis, Davis, CA** **Sept. 2016 - Present**

B.S. in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Candidate, Expected Graduation: June 2020

- Current GPA: 3.73
- University Honors Program Student
- California Aggie Alumni Association Scholar

## Experiences

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**Undergraduate Researcher, Tan Lab** **Oct. 2017 - Present**

- Engineering artificial cellular systems via plasmids in *E. coli* to utilize oscillatory genetic networks for biomedical applications.

**Volunteer, Willow Clinic** **May 2017 - Present**

- Working to help improve overall health of the homeless community in Sacramento.
- Register patients, take patients' vitals, and work with medical students and physicians in treatment plan.

**Undergraduate Researcher, Hunter Lab** **Jan. 2017 - Oct. 2017**

- Researching DNA-repair mechanism in Homologous Recombination in Meiosis using mice models.
- Take, document, and organize DNA samples to target various genes using Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) and Gel Electrophoresis.

**Events Coordinator, ASBMB** **Sept. 2016 - June 2017**

- American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASBMB) at UC Davis
- Arrange and organize events such as: lab tours, socials, and general meetings.
- Communicate with various faculty and associates to plan events accordingly.

**Private Tutoring** **Aug. 2012 - June 2017**

- Provide private individual instruction for students to improve their academic performance, learning skills, and preparation for academic exams.
- Provide feedback to students using positive reinforcement techniques to encourage and motivate students to learn and understand.
- Review class material with students by discussing texts, working on problems, and explaining concepts at the student's pace.

**Volunteer, Solano County Civic Center Library** **Jun. 2015 - Nov. 2015**

- Catalogued and returned books to shelves or other designated storage spaces accordingly.
- Reserved, circulated, renewed, and discharged books and other materials.
- Assisted children with their homework.
- Provided lunch to underprivileged families.

**Events Coordinator, Relay for Life with JROTC Program** **Apr. 2014 - Jul. 2015**

- Collaborated with the local high school's JROTC program and Key Club in coordinating a part of the event.
- Raised cancer awareness throughout community.
- Fundraised over \$1000 throughout sales and donations in contribution to cancer research.

**Intern, Congressman Garamendi Campaign** **Sept. 2014 - Nov. 2014**

- Developed team-working, organizational, communication, and managerial skills.
- Canvassed door-to-door and made phone calls to individuals about underlying issues within the community.

## **Awards and Honors**

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**University Honors Program** **Sept. 2016 - Present**

- Top 5% of UC Davis Class of 2020.
- Selected for being highly initiative and motivated, and academically talented.

**Dean's Honors List at University of California, Davis** **Dec. 2016 - June 2017**

- Top 15% in the College of Biological Sciences.

**California Aggie Alumni Association Award** **Nov. 2016**

- Excelled as an prodigious student in academics, athletics, and extracurriculars within UC Davis applicant pool.

**International Baccalaureate Diploma** **July 2017**

- Completion of a rigorous educational program based on leadership, service, and internal and external scholarship.

**Vietnamese-American Scholastic Achievement Award** **Aug. 2015 and 2016**

- Earned the highest GPA and was most well-rounded as an Asian-American in the Northern California area.

**Certificate of Recognition** **Nov. 2014**

- Was an exceptional and hard-working intern in Congressman Garamendi's campaign.

**American Legion Auxiliary National Award** **May 2014**

- Awarded as officer with exceptional hard-work, determination, and leadership ability.

## **Additional Skills**

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- Advanced handling of finances and logistics of family's small business.
- Advanced in Microsoft Word, Excel.
- Excel in collaborating with groups.
- Languages:
  - Native in English.
  - Proficient in Spanish.
  - Proficient in Vietnamese.