NSF funding of Bridges to the Doctorate (BD), Cohort V has enabled CSU-LSAMP to host a fifth cohort of students at California State University, Los Angeles. In 2007-2008, California State University, Los Angeles serves as the graduate institutional site for BD-Cohort V activities. The existence of the Bridge to the Doctorate programs has provided students access to graduate study in a broader array of STEM disciplines. Twelve talented students have been selected as scholars in the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Bridges to the Doctorate Cohort V.

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Located five miles east of downtown Los Angeles, the green hilltop campus has a suburban feel, yet serves one of the most diverse urban populations in the world. Cal State L.A. ([http://www.calstatela.edu](http://www.calstatela.edu)) is an especially good site for advanced training in the sciences. The University has made conscious and consistent efforts to hire talented science faculty, to recruit underrepresented students, to support team research that involves undergraduates as well as graduate students, to improve its facilities and to reconfigure its curriculum. More than two dozen four-year colleges and universities are within a 30 mile radius of campus, and numerous federal, state and private research laboratories operate in the region.

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