

## **Summer Research Programs: Suggestions for undergraduate researchers**

Though we make every effort to ensure accuracy, the deadlines and descriptions on our list may be out-of-date. Check program websites for the most accurate information.

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### **Mentoring Summer Research Internship Program (MSRIP) at UC Riverside**

Established in 1987, the Mentoring Summer Research Internship Program (MSRIP) is UCR's eight-week summer research program designed for rising juniors, seniors (and some masters students) from educationally and/or economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Participants work under the supervision of a faculty mentor on the mentor's research project. The goal of MSRIP is to increase the number of outstanding students from diverse backgrounds who pursue the Ph.D. by strengthening their academic and professional development for admission to the University of California campuses and UC Riverside, in particular, as well as colleges and universities nationwide.

Program term is eight weeks— from June 26, 2017 through August 18, 2017. A stipend (generally \$3000), room & board, and out of state transportation are typically provided, where needed. For eligibility requirements, areas of research, program activities and more, visit the MSRIP website: <http://graduate.ucr.edu/msrip.html>

Application deadline for 2017 is February 13, 2017.

### **Institute for Recruitment of Teachers**

The Institute for Recruitment of Teachers (IRT) Summer Workshop in Andover, Massachusetts helps students sharpen their writing, speaking, and critical analysis skills in preparation for graduate school. This program features interviews with graduate school deans and waiver of application fees to 35 top graduate schools. The IRT Associates program also assists students with the graduate school application process. Please see the IRT site for more details: <https://irt.andover.edu/programs/summer-workshop/>

Application deadline for 2017 is April 1, 2017.

### **The African American Literatures and Cultures Institute University of Texas at San Antonio**

The University of Texas at San Antonio African American Literatures and Cultures Institute cultivates students to join the US professoriate by providing research stipends, rigorous mentoring, and innovative academic training. The program responds to the pressing need for diversifying all areas of US higher education — from graduate study to academic research through administrative leadership. Participants are selected through a competitive application process and will receive a \$2,000 research stipend. The four-week program also provides

participants with housing, materials and instruction related to African American literature and black studies, preparation for graduate school applications (i.e. personal statement and GRE), and a scholarly excursion to New York City.

Please visit the AALCI website for more information: <http://www.utsa.edu/aalci/>

Application deadline for 2017 is March 1, 2017.

### **Leadership Alliance**

The Leadership Alliance offers summer research experiences in all academic disciplines. SR-EIP participants are engaged in scholarly research projects at 21 member institutions and one corporate partner. Programs involve weekly seminars and regularly scheduled field trips and social and cultural activities. The institutions set high standards and offer outstanding, closely mentored research experiences. With one common application, students can apply to up to three of 22 program sites. Interested students should review these research areas carefully and make selections that best match their own interests and experience with the selected institutions' programs. Please visit the program website for more information:

<http://theleadershipalliance.org/programs/summer-research>

Application deadline in February 1, 2017.

#### *Leadership Alliance Mellon Initiative:*

Note: Eleven of the Leadership Alliance partners offer a special Mellon Initiative program for research in Mellon-approved fields. For a list of participating schools and disciplines, visit the Mellon Initiative website: <http://www.theleadershipalliance.org/programs/summer-research/mellon-initiative> Application instructions and deadlines are the same as the Leadership Alliance, above.

### **\*\*MMUF Summer Research Training Program University of Chicago**

The MMUF Summer Research Training Program prepares rising junior and senior undergraduate students for graduate study by enhancing their critical and analytical thinking capacities, developing their scholarly writing and presentation skills, introducing them to methodology and research design relevant to their areas of study. More information is available at the program web site: <https://mellonmays.uchicago.edu/summer>

\*\*For current MMUF Fellows only. Check program website for updates.

Deadline for seniors is March 30, 2017.

Deadline for juniors is April 15, 2017.

**Moore Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program (MURAP)**  
**University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill**

The Moore Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program (MURAP) is committed to increasing diversity, gaining research experience, and pursuing doctoral degrees in the humanities, social sciences, and fine arts. Students design and conduct research projects, interact with faculty mentors, and receive GRE-preparatory courses during the summer program. MURAP invites applications for a ten-week paid summer research internship for undergraduate students (rising juniors or rising seniors at the end of this academic year). The program will be held from May 26-August 1, 2013 at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The MURAP program seeks to prepare talented and motivated students from racially and ethnically diverse backgrounds, or those with a proven commitment to diversity, for graduate study and academic careers **in fields in the humanities, social sciences and fine arts**. The program provides students with a rigorous research experience under the guidance of a UNC faculty mentor. Each student participant will receive:

- Stipend
- Campus Housing
- Meal Allowance
- Weekly or biweekly writing, communication skills and professional development workshops
- GRE prep course
- Paid domestic travel expenses

Application deadline is February 10, 2017. Check program website for updates:

<http://murap.unc.edu/>

**Summer Research Initiative (SRI)**  
**University of Maryland College Park**

Students will be provided a meaningful research experience by working with a faculty mentor in one of nine academic departments that include: African American Studies, Anthropology, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Economics, Geography, Government and Politics, Hearing and Speech Sciences, Psychology, and Sociology. The program will also supplement student's research experience with lectures, workshops, and networking opportunities. Students will be provided round-trip airfare, meals, room and board in University on-campus housing and a stipend of \$2,700. Please visit the program website for more information:

<https://bsos.umd.edu/diversity/summer-research-initiative>

Application deadline for 2017 is February 10, 2017.

**Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP)  
Northwestern University (IL)**

The SROP program at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois (a suburb of Chicago) provides sophomores and juniors an opportunity for direct involvement in research. Each student who is selected to participate in the program will work with a faculty member in the student's area of interest on an individual or ongoing research project. The student will present their project at a research forum at the end of the program. Each student chosen to participate in the SROP will receive a \$4000 stipend, access to \$500 for research supplies, round-trip airfare, housing and a campus meal subsidy of \$450. Please visit the program website for more information: <http://www.tgs.northwestern.edu/diversity/undergraduate-summer-research/>

Application deadline is February 10, 2017.

**Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP)  
University of Michigan, Rackham Graduate School**

The SROP program at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, offers outstanding undergraduates underrepresented in their field of study the opportunity to conduct intensive research across a variety of disciplines. SROP allows undergraduates the opportunity to work on graduate level research projects with faculty. Students work with faculty mentors either on an individual basis or as part of a research team. Students participating in the 4-week program will receive a \$4,000 stipend, travel expenses, room and board in University on-campus housing, GRE preparation, access to campus facilities, and a fee waiver to apply to a future Rackham Graduate School doctoral program. Please visit the program website for more information: <https://bsos.umd.edu/diversity/landingtopic/summer-research-initiative>

Application deadline is February 10, 2017.

**Summer Research Program (SRP)  
Columbia University**

The SRP program has a dual purpose: to expose underrepresented students to graduate-level academic research so that they can begin to view the academy as a viable and realistic career path and to address the shortage of underrepresented minorities in doctoral study. The Program promotes and develops skills that are necessary for success in doctoral study as students receive an introduction to the rigors and pleasures of advanced academic work. The SRP is designed to approximate graduate study, particularly in mentor relationships, scholarly research and independent living. Group excursions to places of cultural and academic interest are also planned to complement the formal research. Please visit the program website for more information: <https://gsas.columbia.edu/our-intellectual-community/diversity/summer-research-program>

Application deadline is February 1, 2017.

**Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF)  
University of California Irvine**

UCI's unique Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) program offers undergraduate diversity students with outstanding academic potential an opportunity to work closely with faculty mentors on research projects. The program provides students who plan to pursue a Ph.D. degree and enter academic careers with the tools needed to facilitate the application, admission, and enrollment process for graduate school. The program is open to virtually all academic fields (e.g., arts, education, humanities, social sciences, social ecology, biological sciences, engineering, computer science, physical science, etc.). Please visit the program website for more information. Please visit the program website for more information: <http://www.grad.uci.edu/about-us/diversity/grad-prep-programs/non-uci-students/surf.html>

Application deadline is February 8, 2017.

**Montgomery Summer Research Diversity Fellowships in Law and Social Science for Undergraduate Students  
American Bar Foundation**

The American Bar Foundation sponsors a program of summer research fellowships to interest undergraduate students from diverse backgrounds in pursuing graduate study in the social sciences. The summer program is designed to introduce students to the rewards and demands of a research-oriented career in the field of law and social science. Located in Chicago, Illinois, the American Bar Foundation is an independent nonprofit research institute dedicated to the study of law, legal institutions, and legal processes. The Foundation conducts empirically based research on a broad range of civil and criminal justice issues.

Current research areas include: professionalism and the transformation of the legal profession in the United States and abroad, the dynamics of employment discrimination disputes, the impact of civil rights law on the economic progress of minorities, jury decision making, public interest lawyering and social reform, historical analyses of labor, group libel, and regulatory law, and the role of law in racial relations, postcolonial settings, and globalization. The Foundation's research is conducted by a multidisciplinary resident research faculty with academic training in law, sociology, psychology, political science, economics, history, and anthropology. Many ABF Research Professors hold joint appointments at Chicago-area universities. Recognized as a major institution in the field of law and social science, the Foundation offers a rich environment to students considering an academic or research career. Please visit their website for more information:

<http://www.americanbarfoundation.org/research/Fellowshipopportunities/SummerResearchDiversityFellowshipsinLawandSocialScience.html>

Application deadline is February 15, 2017.

**\*\*Mellon Mays Summer Program for Visiting Fellows  
University of California, Los Angeles**

The Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Writing and Research Training Program at UCLA is a six-week writing and research summer program for 20 current Mellon Mays Fellows from participating Mellon Mays colleges and universities. The program is especially geared toward Mellon Mays Fellows from institutions in the western United States. Fellows participate in a rigorous scholarly writing and research methodology course, individual and group mentoring sessions, workshops, events, and a final research colloquium. The centerpiece of the program is an intensive scholarly writing and research methodology course. In addition to working on their individual research projects, students learn to write in disciplinary contexts, cultivate their interpretive skills, and experiment with new digital research tools. Participants who successfully complete the course will receive UCLA course credit. More information and application details: <http://www.ugeducation.ucla.edu/urhass/mmsummer.htm>

\*\*For current MMUF Fellows only. Deadline is March 1, 2017.

**Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP): Purdue University**

The Purdue SROP has the goal of enhancing diversity in academic, government, and industry positions that require graduate degrees. It is our aim to encourage talented undergraduate students from social and economic backgrounds that are underrepresented in research careers to pursue graduate education, and to enhance their preparation for graduate study. This program involves intensive research experiences with faculty mentors. All qualified students, including but not limited to African American, Asian American, Hispanic American, and Native American, are encouraged to apply. Participants will be selected on the basis of their interest in pursuing a doctoral degree, relevant college coursework and grades, letters of recommendation, and their ability to contribute to the goal of the program. The program is supported by the Graduate School, Center for Cancer Research, Alliance for Graduate Education and Professoriate and other groups on the Purdue campus. The program provides:

- Round trip transportation
- University housing for 8 weeks
- Generous Research Stipend
- Workshops on preparation for GRE
- Poster and Oral Research Presentations
- Professional Development Seminars
- Access to Libraries, Computers, Research Labs, & Health Center
- Social Activities

Please see the program's website for more details:

<http://www.purdue.edu/gradschool/diversity/srop/about/description.html>

## **Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP): University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign**

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign offers a summer research program that provides undergraduate students from populations underrepresented in graduate study at Illinois with an opportunity to explore careers in research. The program at Illinois provides each student with an experience that will help strengthen his or her knowledge, skills, and understanding of graduate school.

The many activities offered through the Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP) will afford participants an opportunity to establish important relationships with faculty in their respective fields of study, conduct graduate-level research under the supervision of a renowned University of Illinois faculty member, become acquainted with the culture of graduate school, and to learn what is needed and expected of them as graduate students in their discipline at the University of Illinois.

Please visit their website for more information: <http://www.grad.illinois.edu/eep/srop>

Application Deadline: February 10, 2017.