

Summer Research Opportunities

Though we make every effort to ensure accuracy, the deadlines and descriptions on our list may be out-of-date.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.

Incoming and current Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellows are highly encouraged to apply to both the UCLA and Chicago programs, as well as to any of the Leadership Alliance and SROP programs of that are of interest.

****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 (Monday, June 21-Friday, July 30, 2021) 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://hass.ugresearch.ucla.edu/opportunities/mmsummer/>

**For current MMUF Fellows only.

Due: March 31, 2021

****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/prospective-summer-fellows/>

**For current MMUF Fellows only. Check program website for updates. We recommend applying to the MMUF Chicago program *after* hearing back from other programs, if possible.

Eligibility: Must be a current MMUF fellow. The program has been welcoming to undocumented students in the past.

Due: April 1, 2021 [Subject to change]

Leadership Alliance

The Leadership Alliance offers summer research experiences in all academic disciplines. SR-EIP participants are engaged in scholarly research projects at 20 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 21 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: <https://theleadershipalliance.org/summer-research-early-identification-program>

Eligibility: Be a documented U.S. citizen or non-citizen national, or permanent resident in possession of an alien registration receipt card (I-551) or another legal document of such status at the time of application.

International citizens studying in the United States with an F-1 Visa are not eligible for the SR-EIP. Individuals seeking asylum or refugees are not eligible.

Due: February 1, 2021

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: <https://theleadershipalliance.org/summer-research-early-identification-program> (Scroll down to find info on the Mellon Initiative)

Application instructions, eligibility, and deadlines are the same as the Leadership Alliance, above.

Due: February 1, 2021

Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP):

SROP offers summer research experiences at Big Ten Academic Alliance schools. The goal of the program is to increase the number of underrepresented students who pursue graduate study and research careers. SROP helps prepare undergraduates for graduate study through intensive research experiences with faculty mentors and enrichment activities. The 8–10 week programs offer intensive research and graduate school application preparation, come with a \$4000 stipend, and, campus housing. Students can apply to most of the 10 programs through a common SROP application, but some schools have individual applications and deadlines.

<https://www.btaa.org/resources-for/students/srop/introduction>

Eligibility: Be a citizen or a permanent resident of the U.S.

Due: February 10, 2021 (for the common application)

Due: various (for some individual programs, see: <https://www.btaa.org/resources-for/students/srop/campus-profiles>)

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. A stipend (generally \$3000), room & board, and out of state transportation are typically provided, where needed.

<http://graduate.ucr.edu/msrip.html>

Eligibility: U.S. citizen, permanent residents and AB540. First-generation college students, those from socioeconomic hardship backgrounds, or students qualified by other pertinent criteria

Due: March 31, 2021

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/>

Due: CANCELLED 2021

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.

<http://www.utsa.edu/aalci/>

Eligibility: U.S. citizenship

Due: March 6, 2020 [not yet updated for 2021]

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 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

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

Eligibility: U.S. citizen, U.S. Permanent resident, U.S. national, or have protected status.

Due: February 8, 2021

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>

Eligibility: Be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States.

Due: February 11, 2021

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:

<https://www.grad.uci.edu/about-us/diversity/grad-prep-programs/surf.php>

Eligibility: U.S. citizens, permanent residents, AB540 eligible

Due: February 5, 2021 5:00PM PST

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.

Fellows act as research assistants for affiliated faculty. The 2021 program will be virtual.

Please visit their website for more information:

http://www.americanbarfoundation.org/research/Fellowshipopportunities/Summer_Undergraduate_Research_Fellowship_Program.html

Eligibility: Not specified.

Due: February 1, 2021 11:59PM EST

Schomburg-Mellon Humanities Summer Institute at the NY Public Library

The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation have created the Schomburg-Mellon Humanities Summer Institute to encourage minority students and others with an interest in African-American, African and African Diasporan Studies to pursue PhDs in the humanities. The program, which is open to U.S. citizens and permanent residents, offers a seven-week session for ten rising seniors. The program mixes seminars and research. It invites students to explore how the past is influencing the present and how the present can shape the future.

Institute fellows will explore a variety of disciplines (including history, literature, arts, religion, and cultural studies) and historical periods. The Fellows will have an opportunity to examine, among others, questions about identity, culture, arts, gender, migrations, mental health, and criminal justice, and reflect on how they will affect the future. Drawing upon the Schomburg Center's extensive collections the students will prepare a research prospectus that could be the basis for their senior thesis or a major research paper. **Projects that can make use of a particular collection at the Schomburg Center will be given greater consideration.** The topic proposed in the application should be what the applicant will work on during the program.

<https://www.nypl.org/help/about-nypl/fellowships-institutes/schomburg-mellon-humanities-summer-institute>

Eligibility: U.S. citizens of permanent residents.

Due: March 15, 2021

Michigan Humanities Emerging Research Scholars Program (MICHHERS)

The University of Michigan invites outstanding individuals to apply for the Michigan Humanities Emerging Research Scholars Program (MICHHERS). This program is designed to encourage rising seniors, recent B.A.s and terminal master's students from diverse cultural, economic, geographic, and ethnic backgrounds to consider pursuing a doctoral degree in the humanities at the University of Michigan. Our goal is to attract diverse scholars with unique experiences who foster innovation and push the humanities to meet today's challenges.

For 2021, students interested in the fields of Asian Languages and Cultures, Classical Studies, English, History, Linguistics, Sociology (qualitative), and Women's and Gender Studies (any humanities field) are eligible. This summer research experience, running from **Sunday, June 6, to Friday, June 18, 2021**, will help students learn about the various fields within their chosen discipline along with the latest methodologies and developments from faculty in individual departments. Students will have the opportunity to work on a piece of their own scholarship or develop a research project in consultation with U-M faculty and graduate students in their field. Attention will also be given to articulating the importance of diversity to the development of the humanities. Students will receive practical instruction on applying to graduate school and pursuing careers inside and outside academia.

<https://rackham.umich.edu/rackham-life/diversity-equity-and-inclusion/michhers/>

Eligibility: United States citizens, permanent residents, or non-U.S. citizens with DACA.

Due: February 8, 2021 11:59PM EST