

Moore Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program

Announcement of Summer Student Fellowships

May 22-July 28, 2016

APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 5, 2016

The Program:

The Moore Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program (MURAP) is a paid summer fellowship designed to foster the entrance of talented students from diverse backgrounds within the humanities, social sciences, and fine arts into graduate school and faculty positions in U.S. colleges and universities. More broadly, the program seeks to increase the presence in graduate school and eventually in academic ranks of minorities and others who demonstrate a commitment to diversity. The program serves the related goals of providing role models for all youth and structuring campus environments so that they will be more conducive to improved racial and ethnic relations. MURAP aims to achieve its mission by identifying and supporting students of great promise and helping them to become scholars of the highest distinction.

Each summer, the program brings a cohort of 20 undergraduates (rising juniors and seniors) from colleges and universities in the U.S. to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill campus for an intensive, ten-week research experience.

Summer Research Experience:

Students are expected to develop a 20-25 page research project under the guidance of a UNC faculty mentor with whom they are paired according to areas of study and research interests. In addition to meetings with their faculty mentor, students will attend all components of the program, as follows:

- a weekly 3-hour seminar where they will present and discuss their research with the entire cohort (all students, faculty mentors, and MURAP staff)
- GRE review course
- biweekly writing and weekly communication skills workshops
- weekly graduate and professional development workshops.
- two-day academic conference

Participants will submit their final research paper and must receive approval through the signature of their faculty mentor. For a student to complete the program successfully and receive the entire stipend, participation in all of these activities and completion of the research paper are required. A sample calendar of required activities and deadlines is available on our website.

For their participation in the program, student fellows will receive a stipend of \$3500, an allowance for meals of \$1500 and a travel allowance up to \$500 to cover the cost of

transportation to and from Chapel Hill. Additionally, students will be provided on-campus housing at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for the duration of the program.

Eligibility:

Program applicants should be mindful that MURAP offers an intensive research experience that requires a substantial commitment of time, intellectual resources and effort. Therefore, students may not be employed or take classes while enrolled in the program. Student fellows are selected based on a variety of factors that may include their academic promise, clarity and quality of their statement of research interests, availability of an appropriate mentor, their demonstrated commitment to increasing opportunities for underrepresented minorities in academic settings in the fields designated above, serious intent to pursue the PhD in the target areas (as opposed to a professional degree), and willingness and ability to participate in all aspects of MURAP.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents, must have completed at least four semesters of undergraduate study, and must have at least one semester (a minimum of 12 credit hours) of undergraduate work remaining when they enter MURAP.

In completing the statement of research interests included in the application, students must demonstrate clearly their fit with and suitability for the program given MURAP's mission and selection criteria. For more information about the program and to learn how to apply please visit MURAP's website murap.unc.edu.