

COLLEGE OF BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Summer Research Initiative to Increase Diversity

An Overview of the UMD Summer Research Initiative (SRI)

The goals of the program are to provide rising juniors and seniors an opportunity to increase their interest in research careers in the social and behavioral sciences, develop research skills, and learn about doctoral training with the goal of encouraging students to pursue doctoral degrees in the social and behavioral sciences. The program has a special emphasis on population groups underrepresented in these fields (i.e., African Americans, Hispanics, American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders).

"Thank you for the opportunity and for acknowledging that there are talented students at minority institutions."

Program Details

This 8-week program will be held on the University of Maryland, College Park campus from **June 2nd - July 27, 2012**. Students will be provided a meaningful research experience by working with a faculty mentor in one of our nine academic departments: African American Studies, Anthropology, Criminology & Criminal Justice, Economics, Geography, Government & Politics, Hearing & Speech Sciences, Psychology and Sociology. We will also supplement their 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.

The University of Maryland, College Park is the flagship campus in the University of Maryland system and is home to first-class researchers and research facilities.

U.S. News & World Report ranks the University 18th among public universities. According to the NSF, the University ranks 8th in awarding doctoral degrees in the social, behavioral and economic sciences to underrepresented ethnic minorities.

The university's location, just nine miles from downtown Washington, D.C. and approximately 30 miles from Baltimore, provides access to some of the finest libraries, research centers, and professional opportunities in the country. The D.C. metro area is nationally regarded for its dense population of highly educated and trained professionals, diversity, culture and entertainment.



How to Apply

Basic eligibility requirements include junior or senior status by Fall 2012; U.S. citizen or permanent resident status; and a strong intent to immediately pursue a Ph.D. in the social, behavioral, and economic sciences upon completion of the Bachelor's degree. We are especially interested in applications from students underrepresented in the social, behavioral, and economic sciences (i.e., African Americans, Hispanics, American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders).

The application deadline is February 17, 2012.

For more information, please visit: http://www.bsos.umd.edu/diversity/summer-research-initiative.aspx

Or contact the SRI Office at (301) 405-8761 or bsossri@umd.edu