



UC Berkeley Student Learning Center

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE PROGRAM APPLICATION

Freshman & Sophomore Series - 2016-2017

Description

Over the past two decades, undergraduate research has continued to gain recognition as an essential pathway to academic and lifelong success. From promoting academic engagement to sense of belonging, undergraduate research provides students not only with the tools to succeed academically, but also with the connections, confidence, and skills necessary to thrive beyond their undergraduate years. More importantly, early exposure to research has been shown to increase student retention and motivation to pursue postgraduate education.

Funded by the University of California's Office of the President, the SLC Research Associate Program -- Freshman and Sophomore Series seeks to demystify the research process and acclimate students to the rigor and practice of research at Cal. Over the course of two semesters (Spring and Summer 2017), selected participants will acquire the tools to produce an original research project from start to finish. They will each receive a stipend in the amount of \$2,500, to be disbursed at the conclusion of each semester, along with individualized academic support to conduct and complete their research.

Eligibility

- Freshman or sophomore class standing
- Be considered low-income or attended an under-resourced high school
- Completion of at least one course at UC Berkeley that required a five-page paper or longer
- Cumulative UC GPA of 2.5 or higher

Qualifications

- Intellectual curiosity and a strong interest in research
- Desire to become a stronger academic writer
- Experience completing an academic project from start to finish
- Ability to receive and learn from feedback
- Ability to work collaboratively with peers

Requirements

- Attend a 2-hour weekly seminar for the duration of Spring 2017, date and time TBA
- Meet with faculty sponsor at least three times over the course of the program
- Meet with seminar lead at least three times during Spring 2017
- Meet one-on-one with an SLC writing tutor on a weekly basis for the duration of the Summer 2017 (May 22-August 11)
- Produce 15-20 page research paper, due August 11, 2017
- Present research findings at Fall 2017 SLC Research Symposium

Application Process

- Applicant Information
- Supplemental Questionnaire
- Faculty Recommendation Form
- UC Berkeley transcript (unofficial accepted)
- Academic writing sample (at least five pages in length)

Deadlines

- Applicant Information & Supplemental Questions - **January 4th, 2017 at 5PM**
- Transcript & Academic Writing Sample - **January 4th, 2017 at 5PM**
- Faculty Recommendation Form - no later than **January 18th, 2107 at 5PM**

Submission

Email completed application and required materials to Khuyen V. Nguyen, Ph.D., Program Coordinator at **kvn@berkeley.edu**

Contact

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ SID: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Local Address: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Which high school did you attend? _____

Class Standing in Spring 2017 _____ Major: _____

Intended area of research (check one): Humanities/Social Science: _____ STEM: _____

SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS

Instructions: In the spaces below, please answer the following five questions. Please keep each response to 250 words or fewer.

1. How has your personal background informed your intellectual growth? What do you hope to gain from being in this program?

2. Describe your experience with academic writing. How have you engaged with the writing process?

3. Please provide a concrete example of your intellectual curiosity in action.

4. Please provide a concrete example that demonstrates your love of learning.

5. What is your understanding of research? Why did you identify Humanities/Social Sciences or STEM as your intended area of research?



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FACULTY RECOMMENDATION FORM

Recommender Name: _____

Academic Title: _____ Department: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Instructions: In the space below, please discuss your reason(s) for recommending your candidate for our program. Please email the completed form to Khuyen V. Nguyen, Ph.D., at kvn@berkeley.edu. Thank you for your time!