



MOORE UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH APPRENTICE PROGRAM
Upholding opportunities for educational diversity

**Moore Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program
Announcement of Summer Student Fellowships
May 24-July 30, 2015**

The Moore Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program (MURAP) is a paid summer internship designed to foster the entrance of talented humanities, social sciences, and fine arts students from diverse backgrounds into graduate school and faculty positions in U.S. colleges and universities. More broadly, the program seeks to increase the presence of minorities and others who demonstrate a commitment to eradicating racial disparities in graduate school and eventually in academic ranks. 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 to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill campus a cohort of 20 undergraduates (rising juniors and seniors) from colleges and universities in the U.S. for an intensive, ten-week research experience. With the guidance of a UNC faculty mentor with whom they will meet several times per week, students are expected to develop a 20- to 25-page research project. In addition, all students must participate in the following components of the program: 1) a weekly 2-hour seminar where they will present and discuss their research with the entire cohort, 2) a GRE review course (2-hour sessions three times per week, with required assignments and tests), 3) three two-hour weekly workshops (Writing, Communication Skills, and Graduate Professional Development), 4) supplementary lectures, as scheduled, and a two-day academic conference on July 23-24. Also on the schedule is an optional Writing Clinic, available for three hours three times a week, and a variety of social events.

Participants must submit to the MURAP administrative office by scheduled deadlines mentor-approved assignments related to their research papers

(abstract, prospectus, first draft, final paper). Students who do not follow the guidelines of the program risk being dismissed and will forfeit any unpaid portion of their stipends. A sample calendar of required activities and deadlines is available on our website.

For their participation in the program, student fellows will receive 1) a stipend of \$3500 (students holding Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowships will receive the summer stipend from their home institutions instead), 2) an allowance for meals of \$1500, 3) any required books, 4) a travel allowance up to \$500 to cover the cost of transportation to and from Chapel Hill, and 5) on-campus housing.

PLEASE NOTE:

Rising seniors applying to MURAP should consider applying *simultaneously* to the Institute for Recruitment of Teachers (IRT), as their deadline for application is usually April 1. If selected for both our program and theirs, students will be allowed to join IRT's Associate Program only. Through it participants will receive 1) valuable assistance and counseling during the graduate school application process, 2) fee-waivers when applying to consortium schools, and 3) help advocating for sufficient funding for advanced study. For more information consult <http://www.andover.edu/SummerSessionOutreach/IFROTeachers/Pages/default.aspx>.

Applying to MURAP
APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 6, 2015

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 and must remain in Chapel Hill during the ten weeks. Weekend travel is discouraged but may be permitted on occasion with approval from mentor and Director. Student fellows are selected based on a variety of factors that may include:

- Academic promise
- Serious intent to attain the PhD (as opposed to a professional degree) and become a college professor in one of our targeted fields

- **Clarity and quality of statement of research interests (must describe intelligently, concisely and informatively one or more possible lines of investigation for the summer project and demonstrate your suitability to undertake it)**
- **Availability of an appropriate mentor**
- **Demonstrated commitment to increasing opportunities for underrepresented minorities**
- **Strength of faculty recommendations**
- **Class standing (all things being equal, seniors are normally given preference)**
- **Ability to partake in all required program components**

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 (or a minimum of 12 credit hours) of undergraduate work remaining when they enter MURAP.

To apply to the program please use the application found on MURAP's website <http://murap.unc.edu/> beginning on November 3, 2014. For questions please contact Mr. Antonio D. Alanís, Program Coordinator, at murap@unc.edu.