Summer Research Initiative to Increase Diversity

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

UMD BSOS Summer Research Initiative (SRI)
Our program provides 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).

Program Details
This full-time 8-week program will be held on the UMCP campus from June 1 - July 24, 2020. Students are required to arrive on campus on Saturday, May 30th for mandatory Saturday and Sunday program orientation, but SRI programming will officially begin on Monday, June 1st. Students will be provided a meaningful and rigorous research experience by working with a faculty mentor in one of our nine academic departments (visit http://www.bsos.umd.edu for department list. We also supplement the research experience with lectures, workshops, and networking opportunities. Students are provided round-trip airfare, meals, housing, and $3,150 (before taxes - amount includes stipend and meal allowances). SRI scholars live in a dormitory styled fraternity house shared with another UMD SROP program. SRI participants share a room with another SRI scholar and communal meals are served each evening, Monday – Friday. This creates a living and learning community that facilitates cohort building and learning beyond the research lab. To read testimonials from previous SRI participants visit https://bsos.umd.edu/diversity/past-participants-testimonials.

Basic Eligibility
1. Be citizens or permanent residents of the United States;
2. Be enrolled full-time at an accredited four-year higher education institution and obtain junior or senior status in the Fall 2020-21 academic year;
3. Demonstrate an interest in pursuing graduate study in one of the behavioral, social or economic sciences;
4. Will have taken a basic statistics or research methodology course; and
5. Possess an excellent academic record including a 3.0 or better cumulative GPA.

Questions? Visit our website http://go.umd.edu/BSOSSRI or contact us bsossri@umd.edu

To apply, visit the Big Ten Academic Alliance SROP website, click “Campus Profiles,” and select University of Maryland
https://www.btaa.org/students/srop/introduction

Application deadline: February 10, 2020