



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

2024 BSOS Summer Research Initiative &

The Bowie State University and University of Maryland Social Justice Alliance
Application Due Date: Mar 1, 2024

Overview

The Bowie State University and University of Maryland Social Justice Alliance, in collaboration with the BSOS Summer Research Initiative (SRI), seeks rising juniors and seniors to participate in an 8-week (June 3-July 26, 2024) research internship. Bowie State University (BSU), in collaboration with the University of Maryland (UMD) and the 2nd Lieutenant Richard Collins III Foundation, have developed a Social Justice Alliance, created to honor the legacy of BSU alumnus Lt. Collins and to promote social justice on our respective campuses. Led by teams from each university, the Social Justice Alliance summer scholars will engage in research and projects that intersect with social justice in order to address critical issues facing campuses, communities, the State of Maryland, the nation, and beyond.

Program Dates

The 2024 SRI Social Justice Alliance internship program dates are **Monday**, **June 3**, **2024 - Friday**, **July 26**, **2024.** All participants are required to arrive at our College Park campus on Saturday, June 1st, for the required 2-day pre-program orientation (Saturday and Sunday).

Program Activities

The Social Justice Alliance research internship is a special track offered within the BSOS SRI. The BSOS SRI is a residential summer research internship designed to prepare participants for graduate school in the social and behavioral sciences. Full-time program participation is required for all students participating in the SRI Social Justice Alliance internship track. Participants are required to reside in the university housing provided by the program and to participate in all SRI activities throughout the summer. Participation includes all SRI program and research activities and assignments and meetings with research and program mentors. Therefore, students should not register for summer classes, hold employment that interferes with their participation, or make other summer plans (e.g. vacation) that would interrupt their full and consistent immersion in the program during the 8-consecutive-week program period. At the end of the summer, all SRI scholars present their research at the program's culminating research poster symposium.

Program Benefits

- \$3,000 stipend for the entire summer (8 weeks)
- Travel to UMD and back home for out-of-state participants

- Housing from June 1 July 26 This is a residential internship and all participants must agree to live in the internship housing during the internship period.
- Group dinners provided to SRI scholars Monday Friday
- \$780 meal allowance to cover breakfast, lunch, snacks, and weekend meals for 8 weeks
- Professional development and graduate application preparation workshops and seminars
- Research mentoring by faculty and professional development mentoring by SRI staff
- Professional networking and relationship building
- Application fee waivers for those who apply to graduate school at the University of Maryland

Application Instructions

Step 1: Review The Social Justice Alliance Statement of Interest Instructions and prepare application materials

To be considered for The Social Justice Alliance summer internship, all applicants must submit the application, which consists of submitting a **copy of your transcripts, your résumé or curriculum vita** (c.v.), and your statement of interest. These documents must be ready to upload at the time you begin the application. Therefore, we urge you to carefully review the <u>Statement of Interest Instructions</u> and prepare your application materials before you begin the application.

Step 2: Submit The Social Justice Alliance Application

Once you have carefully reviewed the instructions and prepared your application materials, you may submit The Social Justice Application and upload your completed résumé/CV, your transcripts, and your statement of interest.

Step 3: Submit two letters of recommendations

Two letters of recommendations are required as part of the Social Justice Alliance application. Preferred letters of recommendations come from faculty professors/instructors or academic mentors who can speak to your academic achievements, abilities, character and goals. Please ask recommenders to submit their letters of recommendation to the SRI coordinator, Ms. Brittney Robinson (bsossri@umd.edu).

<u>TIP:</u> Provide recommenders with all necessary materials to prepare your letter (deadline, copies of your resume/cv, essays, and transcripts).

Deadlines

Submit all application materials, including letters of recommendation, transcripts, and résumé or curriculum vita (CV), in advance of the deadline (March 1, 2024). You can access the Social Justice Alliance application link and statement of interest instructions below:

- The Social Justice Alliance Application
- The Social Justice Alliance Project Statement of Interest Instructions

Please direct questions to the SRI Coordinator, Ms. Brittney Robinson, at bsossri@umd.edu.