

The Moore Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program
at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Summer Student Fellowship (May 16th - July 27th, 2022)
(APPLICATION OPEN: NOVEMBER 9th, 2021)

The Program:

The Moore Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program (MURAP) is a paid summer fellowship designed to foster the entrance of talented students from diverse backgrounds within the humanities, social sciences, and fine arts* into PhD programs and faculty positions in U.S. colleges and universities. More broadly, the program seeks to increase the number of students of color, and others who demonstrate a commitment to diversity and to eradicating racial disparities, who will pursue doctoral work and hold faculty appointments within the academy. The program serves the related goals of providing role models for undergraduate scholars and structuring campus environments so that they are 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 together a cohort of 20 undergraduates (rising juniors and seniors) from colleges and universities in the U.S. to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill campus for an intensive, ten-week research and graduate school professional development experience.

Summer Research Experience:

Students are expected to develop a 20-25-page research project under the guidance of a UNC faculty mentor with whom they are paired according to areas of study and mutual research interests. In addition to meetings with their faculty mentor, students are expected to attend all components of the program, as follows:

- a weekly 2-hour seminar where they will present and discuss their research with the entire cohort (all students, faculty mentors, and MURAP staff)
- GRE review course
- biweekly writing workshop
- weekly communication skills and professional development workshops
- Two-day academic conference

Participants are expected to submit their research paper in stages (prospectus, first draft, final draft) with the approval and signature of their faculty mentor. For a student to complete the program successfully and receive the entire stipend, satisfactory conduct, participation in and completion of all activities, and the approved research paper are required. A sample calendar of required activities and deadlines is available on our website at <http://murap.unc.edu/>.

To support their participation in the program, student fellows will receive a stipend (MMUF recipients receive their stipend from their home institution) and an allowance for meals. Participants will also receive a travel allowance of up to \$500 to cover the cost of transportation

to and from Chapel Hill. Additionally, students will be provided on-campus housing at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for the duration of the program.

Eligibility:

Program applicants should be mindful that MURAP offers an intensive research and professional development experience that requires a substantial commitment of time, intellectual resources, and effort. Therefore, students may not be employed or take non-MURAP classes while enrolled in the program. Student fellows are selected based on a variety of factors that include their academic promise; clarity and quality of their statement of research interests; availability of a suitable mentor; their demonstrated commitment to increasing opportunities for underrepresented students of color in academic settings in the fields designated above; serious intent to pursue the PhD (as opposed to a professional degree) in the target areas; and willingness and ability to participate in all aspects of MURAP.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, U.S. permanent residents, U.S. nationals or have received protected status, must have completed at least four semesters of undergraduate study, and must have at least one semester (a minimum of 12 credit hours) of undergraduate work remaining when they enter MURAP.

In completing the statement of research interests for the application, students must demonstrate their interest in and suitability for the program, given MURAP's mission and selection criteria. For more information about the program, please visit MURAP's website <http://murap.unc.edu/>.

Eligible Fields of Study:

- Anthropology and Archaeology
- Area/Cultural/Ethnic/Gender Studies
- Art History
- Classics
- Economics & Inequality
- English
- Film, Cinema, and Media Studies
- Musicology, Ethnomusicology, and Music Theory
- Foreign Languages and Literatures
- History
- Linguistics
- Literature
- Performance Studies
- Philosophy and Political Theory
- Political Science, Behavior, & Institutional Analysis
- Religion and Theology
- Sociology
- Theater
- Interdisciplinary studies

* Please also note, the MURAP Program does not accept applications from students who wish to pursue professional degrees such as JD, MSW, MFA, MBA, MPA, MEd or EdD; or from those receiving a bachelor's degree in pre-professional or applied fields of study, such as business, public policy or public administration, education, psychology, journalism, library and information sciences, law, social work, social welfare, urban planning, public health, filmmaking, or performing arts. For the purpose of this fellowship, the humanities and social sciences include but are not limited to area/cultural/ethnic/gender studies; anthropology; archaeology; art history (not studio art); classics; English (not creative writing); film, cinema, communication, and media studies; musicology, ethnomusicology, and music theory; foreign languages and literatures; history; linguistics; literature; performance studies (theoretical focus); philosophy and political theory; economics, political science, religion and theology; sociology; theatre (theoretical focus); interdisciplinary studies (interdisciplinary areas of study may be eligible if they have one or more eligible fields at their core, but must be approved by the MURAP staff on a case by case basis).