

UNC Charlotte: The Summer Program to Increase Diversity in Undergraduate Research (SPIDUR)

The Summer Program to Increase Diversity in Undergraduate Research (SPIDUR) is a 8-week summer program for high-achieving under-represented, first generation, or disabled undergraduate students, providing research experience and professional development training in their field of interest. These opportunities are not typically available in the undergraduate classroom. This *learn-by-doing* model places an emphasis on graduate education and allows the Scholars to put their experiential learning into practice, preparing them to excel in their future studies and research.

In addition to mentored research activities, scholars participate in weekly professional development training to build skills critical to professional success. Topics include: responsible conduct of research, developing a competitive research fellowship application, preparing an academic resume, professional communication tools, and a session on preparing for graduate school.

The program culminates with the Summer Research Symposia, where students participating in summer research programs on campus present their research results. The Summer Research Symposia is free and open to the public.

Summer scholars receive a stipend of \$4000 for the 8 weeks of the program. Housing will be provided, but space is limited. Travel to UNC Charlotte is not supported by the program. For further information, please contact advanceuncc@uncc.edu. The Charlotte Research Scholars are sponsored by the Division of Academic Affairs, Graduate School, and Charlotte Research Institute.

[APPLY HERE](#) by December 14, 2018. (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUMWqUw5em90Qbm-HrsrDPPzWqmfjXBOuBZ76LGJ14wv2mYQ/viewform>)

Specific Details about the Program

How many students will be accepted into the program? The program will provide 10 undergraduate students funding to participate in an 8-week research program.

Application deadline: 12:00 am (EST) on December 14, 2019

Program length: 8 weeks during summer of 2019. The program will run from June 3, 2019 through July 26, 2019

Eligibility: Undergraduates must have a minimum GPA of 2.8, and between 50 and 90 credit hours by the end of spring 2019. Students who graduate in spring 2019 are NOT eligible for the program - candidates must be enrolled in an undergraduate program from an institution **other than** UNC Charlotte to be eligible for SPIDUR.

Compensation: Scholars will receive a \$4000 fellowship (taxable income) and will be compensated for housing costs. Students will be housed on campus but must pay their housing fees directly to the Housing Office – The ADVANCE Office cannot handle this transaction on behalf of the program participants.

Thoughts About SPIDUR Program by Guadalupe Rosas - a participant in the SPIDUR 2016 Program:

" I came into the SPIDUR program hoping to attain more confidence in my research abilities. As a first-generation Latina student from California it never crossed my mind that I would be conducting groundbreaking research in a state on the other side of the country. The SPIDUR program did much more than increase my confidence. It provided the resources and space for me to gain a clearer focus of my research interests and gave me a home away from home through new friendships. For this I thank my friends at the UNC, Charlotte Sociology Department, specifically my mentor Dr. Stephanie Moller, and SPIDUR."

OTHER SUMMER RESEARCH PROGRAMS AT UNC CHARLOTTE:

Socially Relevant Computing REU @ UNC Charlotte: <http://reu.uncc.edu/>

UNC Charlotte NanoSURE REU Site is designed to advance nanoscale science research <https://clas-chemistry.uncc.edu/nanosure/>

A Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU): Biology and Biotechnology at University of North Carolina Charlotte <http://biology.uncc.edu/reu-biotechnology>

Research Experience for Undergraduates Program in Crime Analytics to the University of North Carolina at Charlotte <https://crime-analytics.uncc.edu/>