

Summer Pre-Graduate Research Experience Program

At

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

The UNC-Chapel Hill Summer Pre-Graduate Research Experience Program (SPGRE) is a 10-week (last full week of May to last week in July) summer program. The program is multifaceted and seeks to meet the interest of students from a wide range of disciplines, not just the sciences. For instance, a large component within SPGRE, the Minority Undergraduate Research Assistant Program (MURAP), accommodates the research interest of students who want to study and conduct research within the humanities and social sciences. Preference is given to applicants who have completed their junior year. Students who will have graduated at the time of the program are not eligible. The program's focus is research and it is not designed for students aspiring to go into

professions such as medicine, law, or business. Our aim is to provide meaningful and in-depth research experiences and to encourage underrepresented minority students to pursue graduate studies and academic/research careers. Participants will receive a stipend of \$3,200 and a food allowance of \$1,400. In addition, the cost of housing is covered and a travel reimbursement up to \$400 is provided.

In addition to the application form, applicants should submit an official transcript and recommendation forms from at least two faculty members under whom they have studied. Students must submit a completed application to be considered.

Examples of Sites for SPGRE Research at UNC-Chapel Hill

Basic Biomedical Sciences:
Biochemistry & Biophysics
Cell Biology & Anatomy
Genetics & Molecular Biology
Microbiology & Immunology
Pathology
Pharmacology
Cell & Molecular Physiology

Biology
Biomedical Engineering
Chemistry
Computer Science
Educational Research
Frank Porter Graham Child Development Center
Geological Sciences
The Humanities (all aspects)
Information Science

Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center
Marine Sciences
Material Sciences
Mathematics
Physics and Astronomy
Psychology

School of Public Health:
Biostatistics
Environmental Sciences & Engineering
Epidemiology
Health Behavior & Education
Health Policy & Administration
Maternal & Child Health
Nutrition

Pharmaceutical Science
The Social Sciences (all aspects)

Contact Information: Kathy Wood, Program Manager, kathy_wood@unc.edu or (919) 962-2509. If you complete a paper application, please mail all material to: The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Education, SPGRE Program, Peabody Hall, CB #3500, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3500. Web site information is available via www.ibiblio.org/res

APPLICATION

<p style="text-align: center;">Summer Pre-Graduate Research Experience Program The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</p>

(Type or print legibly)

NAME (last, first, middle): _____

BIRTHDATE: _____

ETHNICITY:

- Black or African American
 Native American or American Indian (*Please specify tribal affiliation*):
 Latino or Hispanic (*Please indicate*):
 Other: (*Please indicate*): _____

GENDER: MALE FEMALE

US CITIZEN: YES NO*

*IF NO, DO YOU HAVE A PERMANENT RESIDENT VISA? YES NO

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE: _____

CURRENT CLASS ACADEMIC YEAR (e.g. junior): _____

DORM/APARTMENT MAILING ADDRESS: _____

DORM TELEPHONE #: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

PERMANENT TELEPHONE #: _____ CELL TELEPHONE #: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR: _____

CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE: _____

ANTICIPATED GRADUATION DATE (month/year): _____

CREDIT HOURS COMPLETED TO DATE: _____

CREDIT HOURS NEEDED FOR GRADUATION: _____

(CONTINUE ON NEXT PAGE)

* I understand that I am required to provide my social security number so the University can satisfy its income-reporting and withhold-ing obligations under the North Carolina and federal laws. Unless I have crossed out this sentence, I am voluntarily permitting the University to use it as an identifier for its internal record keeping and data processing operations

(Part 2: UNC-CHAPEL HILL PROGRAM APPLICATION CONTINUED)

LIST ALL COURSES RELEVANT TO AREA OF CONCENTRATION: _____

WRITING COURSES TAKEN BEYOND COMPOSITION II: _____

MATH OR STATISTICS COURSES TAKEN: _____

COMPUTER APPLICATION EXPERIENCE: _____

HONORS AND AWARDS: _____

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: _____

PLEASE LIST ANY MEMBERSHIP IN ACADEMIC PROGRAMS (I.E MARC, MBRS, MCNAIR, ETC.): _____

PLEASE LIST ANY PREVIOUS RESEARCH EXPERIENCE, THE LOCATION AND THE NAME OF THE RESEARCHER UNDER WHOME YOU WORKED AS WELL AS THE DATES: _____

What graduate test prep courses have you taken &/or are interested in taking while in SPGRE (check all that apply): GRE MCAT LSAT GMAT

I certify that all of the above information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

STATEMENT OF INTEREST

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(Type or print legibly)

NAME (last, first, middle): _____

Your statement should address why you are applying to the SPGRE Program, what you hope to achieve as a participant, and a description of your research interests (indicate those that are the most important), and interests you have in UNC-Chapel Hill. Please discuss any aspects you feel will provide a better picture of your capability, motivation, and interests. Finally, please indicate the degree program(s) you intend to pursue after the bachelor's degree. (This section should be typed or printed, using this sheet-front and back, or a separate sheet.)

Benefit Statement:

Once you have reached your career goal, how would underrepresented minorities benefit from your presence and position?

FACULTY RECOMMENDATION

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Applicant:

Please give us this form and a self-addressed envelope to the person whom you have asked to recommend you. The recommender should return the completed form to you in a sealed envelope so that you can include it with your other application materials to be sent to the UNC-Chapel Hill, postmarked by February 7.

APPLICANT'S NAME: _____

RECOMMENDER'S NAME: _____

In accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, you may waive your right to inspect this recommendation by signing the statement below. Should you not waive your right, you may have access to this form as a SPGRE participant.

I hereby waive my right of access to this recommendation.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

For the Recommender:

This application is for participation in a research program aimed at underrepresented minority students with interests in graduate programs and research or academic careers.

How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant? _____

In comparing the applicant with others you have known who entered Ph.D. or master's programs, check the appropriate category for each item below regarding your assessment of the student. Please use the following reference points: Exceptional=Top 10%; High=At least in the top 25%, Modest=in the 50% to 75% range; Low=Bottom 50%. Please **do not feel compelled to respond to items addressing areas where your knowledge of the student is limited.**

	NOT OBSERVED	LOW	MODEST	HIGH	EXCEPTIONAL
1. Maturity and reliability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Ability to get along with others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Leadership ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Research skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Writing skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Analytical skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Mathematical skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Potential as a graduate student	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Indicated plans for attending graduate school (i.e., Ph.D.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

In the space below, please provide additional comments that may be helpful in accurately assessing the applicant (Please feel free to write on the back). Additionally, please discuss your knowledge of the applicant's plans for a graduate degree. (i.e., Ph.D. or Master's not M.D., L.L.D., M.B.A., D.D.S., etc.). Thank you for your assistance and for completing this form.

SIGNATURE _____ TITLE _____ DATE _____

CAMPUS ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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The following items must be mailed together as a completed application set.

- ❑ **Application Form**
- ❑ **Statement of Interest**
- ❑ **Official Transcript**
- ❑ **Faculty Recommendation Forms**

Return completed application to

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
UNC-Chapel Hill
The School of Education
SPGRE- c/o Kathy Wood
Peabody Hall, CB #3500
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3500

Completed applications must be postmarked by February 7.