

Summer Research at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: The Summer Pre-Graduate Research Experience (SPGRE) Program

This summer, the 2007 Summer Pre-Graduate Research Experience (SPGRE) Program will be in its 18th year of offering undergraduate students throughout the country the opportunity to work full-time on research projects under the direction of UNC-CH faculty members and to conduct high quality research. This 10-week research education program is designed for students **sincerely interested in pursuing the Ph.D. degree**. SPGRE is one effort to address the obvious shortage of PhD recipients from African American, American Indian, Mexican American, and Puerto Rican populations. Thus, it is important that faculty members and administrators at colleges and universities are aware of this program so that they can inform students who are good prospects for graduate studies. We, of course, have particular interests in students interested in PhD programs at UNC-CH. Preferences will be given to students who have completed their junior year. Those that are not eligible to participate are: Freshmen, students who have graduated before or during the program, and students that are not US citizens or permanent residents.

SPGRE students may be involved in research ranging from molecular biology to analytical chemistry to marine science or from economics to American colonial history to 20th century American literature. There are five research related areas—physical and computational sciences, life and biomedical sciences, social and behavioral sciences, the humanities, and environmental sciences. Thus, the range of research options is extremely broad and can be tailored for just about any student's interest. A large number of students in the social sciences and humanities component participate in our Moore Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program (MURAP). All student participants will work with or under the direction of a UNC-CH faculty member.

SPGRE 2007 starts May 20th and ends July 27th. The program involves full-time research, but a number of social activities are included as well as special seminars and sessions related to research and graduate programs. There are also various workshops: a full GRE preparatory session, the annual MURAP Conference, and the annual SPGRE Poster Session which occurs at the end of the Program. SPGRE affords an excellent opportunity for students to closely interact with UNC-CH Graduate School programs and work one-on-one with faculty and graduate students.

Students will produce a paper as their finished product and will also present their research at the poster session. A number of students will have opportunities to make oral presentations of their work during the course of their participation in SPGRE. All students in the MURAP component will make oral presentations. Students will receive a stipend of \$3,200 and a food allowance of \$1,400. Housing is provided and travel is reimbursed up to \$400.

Please note: The url for SPGRE is www.ibiblio.org/res. Click on “Undergraduate Summer Research” for SPGRE. Students can apply online by clicking on “SPGRE Application Login.” Please feel free to contact Ms. Kathy Wood at (919) 962-2509/kathy_wood@unc.edu. You can also reach us by mail at: UNC-Chapel Hill, RES Program, CB# 3500, Peabody Hall, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3500 or via fax: (919) 843-2554.

***Registration Deadline is February 9, 2007!!**