



Summer Research Opportunities Program

How to Apply

Applications are available on-line at
www.grad.uiuc.edu
beginning January 1st

If you are eligible and are interested in exploring graduate study and research at UIUC, you should do the following:

- Complete and submit a UIUC SROP application found at the web site listed above
- Submit an official transcript to the UIUC SROP
- Submit two letters of recommendation from a faculty member, academic advisor, or other academic person familiar with your scholastic abilities.
- Complete and submit a Statement of Purpose and a Proposed Research Project Statement to the UIUC SROP
- Notify your College Representative (see on-line application) or Partner Campus Contact of your plan to apply.

See the SROP website for a list of Partner Campus Contacts and UIUC College Representatives



The Summer Research Opportunities Program

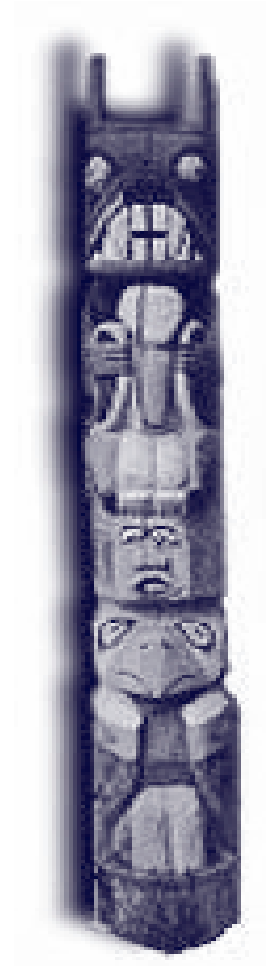
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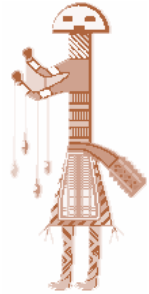


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SROP

The Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) is the academic consortium of the Big Ten Universities and the University of Chicago. The Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP) was established by the CIC in recognition of the need for inter-university cooperation to increase the enrollment of graduate students from underrepresented



populations. SROP provides sophomores, juniors and non-terminal seniors an opportunity to learn about graduate education, research in their major field, and careers in academe. Over a nine-week period during the summer, participants in SROP work closely with Faculty members or academic research professionals who will assist them in developing and exploring a research topic of their choice.

Program Purpose

As a member of the CIC, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) offers a summer program that provides research experiences to students from groups underrepresented in graduate study. These underrepresented students include, but are not limited to, African Americans, Mexican Americans, Native Americans, and Puerto Ricans. The program is designed to introduce students to graduate study and to graduate-level research at a research-extensive institution. It is also designed to encourage students who have been traditionally under-represented in graduate study to pursue academic careers.



Who Should Apply?

A successful applicant will have a cumulative grade point average of **2.75 or above** (on a 4.0 scale) at the time of application. Transcripts from the semester or quarter prior to the application deadline are used to determine whether this criterion has been met. Undergraduate students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents are eligible for participation. Applicants must have completed their freshman year and have obtained sophomore status, as well as students who are juniors, and seniors who will not graduate within a semester after the end of the SROP summer session may apply. African American, Mexican American, Native American, and Puerto Rican students interested in exploring graduate study and research are particularly encouraged to apply. Updated applications will be available by December 1st.

Partner Campuses

The SROP at UIUC has established partnerships with several Universities to make it easier for students who are interested in the program to gain admission. Students who are recommended by *our contacts* at Partner Campuses are only required to submit one letter of recommendation. That letter must come from a faculty member at the Partner Campus. Our Partner Campuses are:

- University of Illinois at Chicago
- University of Illinois at Springfield
- Clark Atlanta University
- North Carolina A&T University
- University of California at Irvine
- New Mexico State University
- St. Mary's University (San Antonio, TX)

If you are a student at one of these institutions, please visit our website to search for the name of the contact on your campus.



Benefits of Participating in SROP

The SROP at UIUC provides participants with information and experiences that are valuable in building the knowledge and skills needed to gain admission to graduate school. There are many opportunities offered through the program that benefit participants academically, socially, and personally. Some ways students may benefit are:

- Develop advanced research skills from a renowned faculty member who will provide mentoring and academic guidance
- Attend weekly workshops that deal with issues important to gaining admission, participation, and success in graduate school
- Earn between three and six hours of academic credit for independent study
- Receive instruction that will help to enhance Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores
- Develop academic technical research writing skills through a research writing course
- Broaden the scope of knowledge in a particular discipline through weekly Research Team meetings
- Attend an Annual CIC/SROP Research Conference at one of the Big Ten campuses
- Participate in organized social and collegial activities
- Receive a research stipend of \$3,000 and other support that totals over \$7,000

