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OVERVIEW

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HCOP programs are designed to reduce the barriers that often hinder students from gaining entry into graduate school such as a lack of advising, mentorship, research experience and low GRE test scores. Specifically, the UC Berkeley HCOP Summer Research Program was designed to facilitate the successful entry of students into graduate school and ultimately the public health career of their choice by tackling such barriers.

The UC Berkeley HCOP Summer Research Program will provide undergraduate students (HCOP Scholars), internship placements with faculty and career mentors who are leaders in their respective areas of Public Health. This intensive 8-week program (June 9, 2014-August 1, 2014) will engage students in the following objectives:

1. Introductory biostatistics and analytical concepts in Public Health research.
2. Developing the necessary skills to create a research question and proposal.
3. Acquire key skills needed to write a professional op-ed or letter to the editor on a relevant Public Health topic.
4. Oral presentation and networking skills.
5. Becoming familiarized with the SOPHAS and UC Berkeley graduate application process.

Additionally, students will be provided with free GRE Preparation, academic planning workshops, professional guest speaker panels, career and graduate education advising and more.

Summer research interns will be selected based on their educational background, commitment to Public Health service and underserved communities

ELIGIBILITY

Selected Summer Research Scholars must meet all of the following eligibility requirements by the time of the application deadline:

a) enrolled full time at a four-year college or University
b) are sophomores (who have completed at least 3 semesters or 4 quarters of college coursework, juniors or seniors (who will not be graduating. Exceptions made for UC Berkeley seniors)
c) have a 2.8 or better GPA
d) are citizens or permanent residents of the United States
e) live or have housing in the SF Bay Area for Summer 2014
f) must show a specified interest in and potential for a successful career in Public Health; special consideration will be given to students who have continued their pursuit of graduate education in Public Health despite having faced personal obstacles including but not limited to educational, economic and social challenges.
AWARDS

Summer Scholars will be awarded a $3,000 stipend as well as a free GRE Kaplan course (valued at $1300). Please note that housing is NOT provided and students selected must already have or secure summer accommodations in the San Francisco Bay Area prior to the start of the program.

APPLICATION MATERIALS AND PROCEDURES

Completed applications include the following:

a) application form filled out completely

b) resume

c) personal statement

d) official transcript (including current schedule of classes)

e) two letters of recommendation from faculty/GSI, employer, supervisor, advisor or mentor (emailed directly from letter writer)

All applications must be received electronically by February 21, 2014 by 5 pm.

Please send completed applications to: ucb.hcop@gmail.com

Subject line: HCOP Summer Research Program

For more information, please contact us at ucb.hcop@gmail.com or call 619 395 7527

Good Luck and we look forward to reviewing your application!

María Fernández, MPH, mariafdz@berkeley.edu

HCOP Program Manager
HCOP Summer Research Program
Application for 2014 at UC Berkeley (for undergraduates)

(Please type)
Name:

(Last, first, M.I.)

*Date of birth:

Current address:

(Street, city, state, zip)

Permanent address:

(Street, city, state, zip)

Current telephone number: Permanent telephone number:

Email address: SID number:

*Gender: ☐ Female ☐ Male U.S. citizen: ☐ Yes ☐ No Permanent resident: ☐ Yes ☐ No

*Ethnicity (select all that apply):
☐ African American ☐ Filipino American
☐ Alaskan Native ☐ Latino
*Please specify: _______
☐ Mexican American/Chicano
☐ Puerto Rican
*Please specify: _______
☐ White/Caucasian
☐ Other
*Please specify: _______

First language spoken at home (describing the language(s) spoken in your home):
☐ English only ☐ Other non-English only ☐ Other bilingual
☐ Spanish only ☐ English and Spanish ☐ Unknown
☐ Asian language group only ☐ English and Asian language group

Father’s education level (representing your father’s highest level of education):
☐ Did not graduate high school ☐ Four-year college graduate ☐ Doctoral degree
☐ High school graduate ☐ Master’s degree ☐ Unknown
☐ Some college but no baccalaureate degree ☐ Professional degree

Mother’s education level (representing your mother’s highest level of education):
☐ Did not graduate high school ☐ Four-year college graduate ☐ Doctoral degree
☐ High school graduate ☐ Master’s degree ☐ Unknown
☐ Some college but no baccalaureate degree ☐ Professional degree

Undergraduate institution: ____________________________________________

Standing as of February 1, 2014: ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior ☐ Other: ______

Major:

Overall GPA: _____ Major GPA: _____ Total units completed: ____ (☐ quarter units or ☐ semester units)
What type of degree are you interesting in pursuing?
☐ MPH ☐ M.D. ☐ Dual MD/MPH ☐ Ph.D./ Dr. PH ☐ MPH/other ☐ Other: ________

Do you plan to attend graduate school immediately following the completion of your undergraduate program?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

If no, what are your plans for the period of time that you will not be attending school?

Briefly state what research area/topic you are most interested in?

Indicate the course work you have taken that would qualify you to conduct research in the area/topic listed above (list all public health, statistics, mathematics, research courses, etc.)

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Indicate specific UC Berkeley School of Public Health faculty members with whom you would like to conduct research, or with whom you are currently conducting research (If currently working with faculty, please indicate start date)

Name: Department:

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Personal Statement

Please state your purpose in applying to the Summer Research Program. In this personal statement we are seeking to capture not only a snapshot of where you are currently as a student, but where you have been and where you see yourself in the future as a Public Health/Healthcare professional. Relevant factors include but are not limited to the following:

- Achievements you have accomplished in spite of educational, social and economic challenges.
- What in your personal, work, or academic background has motivated you to pursue graduate education and/or a career in public health?
- What are your eventual career goals in the public health professions? (e.g. what health condition, issue and/or population do you want to conduct research in or ultimately work to improve?
- What kind of mentoring/research experience and skillset do you expect to gain this summer that will best assist you in reaching your career goals and dreams?

This statement is limited to two (2) single sided 8 1/2” x 11” pages, single-spaced, 12-point font with no less than half-inch margins. (Please type)

I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge that all information submitted is complete and correct. I understand that failure to disclose accurate information is grounds for dismissal from the program.

Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: __________________________
Recommendation

TO BE COMPLETED BY RECOMMENDER *(Please type)*:

Applicant’s name: ____________________________________________

Recommender’s name: ________________________________________ Date: ______________________

How long and in what capacity have you known this applicant? ____________________________________________

Using a 10-point scale, please rate the applicant:

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Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

University/Organization: ____________________________ Department: ____________________________

Title: ____________________________ Phone Number: ____________________________

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