Multicultural Summer Research Opportunities Program

Program History
Established in 1986, the Multicultural Summer Research Opportunities Program (MSROP) at the University of Minnesota provides undergraduates an opportunity to develop research and inquiry skills with a faculty mentor on an individual basis or as part of a research team, which may include graduate students, research scientists, technicians and other MSROP students. Through the mentoring process, students are introduced to the methodology of their chosen discipline by involving them in research and other scholarly activities. Such involvement is expected to improve the quality of the students' undergraduate experience, to enhance the likelihood of their completing bachelor's degrees, and to attract larger numbers of prepared students of color to graduate or professional schools.

Program Goals
MSROP is directed by four goals: (1) to encourage undergraduate students to give graduate education serious consideration following completion of their undergraduate studies; (2) to provide talented students with faculty mentors who will introduce them to the methodology of the chosen discipline by involving them in research and scholarly activities; (3) to create an environment in which the participant and the faculty mentor will be able to assess realistically the student's potential for and interest in graduate studies; and (4) to provide a sense of community among the students and an opportunity to develop the networking skills important to building professional bonds within the community.

Eligibility Requirements
Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors (that are enrolled for at least one additional semester after the summer program) majoring in the Social Sciences, Arts, Humanities, Business, Education, Natural Sciences, Physical Sciences, Mathematics, and Engineering are eligible to apply. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8 and must be a US citizen or permanent resident. We encourage applications from students who have been historically underrepresented in their discipline and from first-generation college students. Students may not enroll in intersession or summer school during the program. (deadline: March 1, 2017) MSROP runs for 10 weeks, June 5 - August 11, 2017.

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