SUMMER RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
BSOS Summer Research Initiative (SRI)
Overview and Application Instructions

Overview of the BSOS Summer Research Initiative

The Summer Research Initiative (SRI) was created in 1999 by the Office of the Dean in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences (BSOS). The program is designed to encourage and enhance the diversity of scholars working in the social and behavioral science fields. In that spirit, we are interested in receiving applications to the program from a broad spectrum of students, including African Americans, Latino/Hispanics, American Indian/Alaskan Natives, Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders, as well as all students with research interests related to diverse communities. We are most interested in students who plan to pursue doctoral degrees in the behavioral and social sciences.

The program provides rising juniors and seniors with an 8-week intensive experience to develop research skills, learn about doctoral training, and increase graduate training readiness. Departments involved in the BSOS SRI include African American Studies, Anthropology, Criminology & Criminal Justice, Economics, Geographical Sciences, Government & Politics, Hearing & Speech Sciences, Program in Neuroscience and Cognitive Science, Psychology, and Sociology.

The 2023 BSOS SRI will be an in-person experience. We are excited to once again host students on our campus and deliver an engaging in-person research experience. We will continue to be vigilant in monitoring COVID-19 and to inform you should conditions change. To protect the safety of our campus community, SRI participants are required to adhere to the university and state of Maryland COVID-19 policies - this includes showing proof of vaccination, or an official exemption, and to abide by our mask-wearing and social distancing policies. To learn more information on the University of Maryland's current COVID-19 policies and guidelines, please visit https://umd.edu/4Maryland .

Program Dates

The 2023 program dates are **Monday, June 5, 2023 - Friday, July 28, 2023.** All participants are required to arrive at our College Park campus on Saturday, June 3rd for the required 2-day pre-program orientation.

Key Expectations for Participation

- Be citizens or permanent residents of the United States;
- Be enrolled full-time at an accredited four-year higher education institution, with preference given to those will have obtained junior or senior status by the fall 2023;

- Demonstrate an interest in pursuing graduate study in one of the behavioral or social sciences, with preference given to those interested in doctoral studies;
- Express an interest or commitment in the value of increasing the diversity and inclusion in social and behavioral science research;
- Will have taken a basic statistics or research methodology course; and
- Possess an excellent academic record, including a 3.0 or better cumulative GPA.

Expectations for Participants

The Summer Research Initiative is a full-time, 40-hour-per-week commitment and participants are required to reside in the university housing provided by the program and to participate in all SRI activities throughout the summer. Participation includes all SRI program and research activities and assignments and meetings with research and program mentors. Therefore, students should not register for summer classes, hold employment that interferes with their participation, or make other summer plans that would interrupt their full and consistent immersion in the program during the 8-week program period.

Financial Support

Students will be provided a $3,000 stipend (before taxes). Travel to College Park for the summer and return travel home, room, board, and program activities expenses are also covered by the BSOS SRI. Group housing is provided on campus.

Deadlines

Submit all application materials, including letters of recommendation, transcripts, and résumé or curriculum vita (CV), through the appropriate application portal **in advance of the deadline**.
- The Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA) Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP) Application and Transcript due: **February 10, 2023**
- The UMD BSOS SRI Supplemental Application due: **February 10, 2023**
- The BTAA SROP letters of recommendation due: **March 1, 2023**

Application Steps

Step 1: Complete the BTAA SROP Application

The 2023 UMD BSOS SRI is a summer program aligned with other similar Big Ten Academic Alliance's (BTAA) Summer Research Opportunity Programs (SROP). Therefore, applicants must first complete the BTAA SROP online application. The BTAA SROP application can be completed in one session or you may return later to finish it.

IMPORTANT: To apply to the UMD BSOS SRI, applicants must select the University of Maryland in order for us to access your SROP application. If you do not select the University of Maryland, we will not know that you wish to be considered as an applicant to our program.

IMPORTANT: The University of Maryland offers a number of summer research programs on campus. Applicants should view the UMD SROP web page to confirm you are applying to the research program that best fits your academic interest. Each program has different application

requirements, so we urge you to carefully review the information before submitting your application.

For questions about the Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA) SROP common application, please contact the BTAA SROP Coordinator, Ms. Danielle LeFaivre, at danielle.lefaivre@btaa.org.

Step 2: **Prepare BSOS SRI Supplemental Application Materials**

To be considered for the BSOS SRI, all applicants must submit the BSOS **SRI Supplemental Application**, which consists of completing **additional information about yourself,** and uploading an **expanded Personal Statemen**t and an updated **résumé or curriculum vita (CV).** We urge you to carefully review the **BSOS SRI Supplemental Personal Statement Instructions** before you begin writing.

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For questions about the BSOS SRI Supplemental Application, please contact the SRI Coordinator, Brittney Robinson, at brobins7@umd.edu

Step 3: **Identify BSOS Department Placements and Faculty Members**

The department placement and faculty member preferences are part of the BSOS SRI supplemental application. Therefore, please have your three department and faculty preferences selected before you proceed to Step 4 (below). Please visit the BSOS department websites below to identify up to three department placement preferences that would best meet your graduate training aspirations and up to three faculty member placement preferences whose work is of interest to you and also align with your graduate training aspirations.

- African American Studies
- Anthropology
- Criminology & Criminal Justice
- Economics
- Geographical Sciences
- Government & Politics
- Hearing & Speech Sciences
- Program in Neuroscience and Cognitive Science
- Psychology
- Sociology

IMPORTANT DISCLAIMER - While we do our best to pair students with their department and faculty preferences, we cannot guarantee those preferential placements. However, providing us with faculty names and departments gives us information on the types of summer research

topics that might be of interest or helpful to you.

IMPORTANT NOTE - For applicants interested in placements in the Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences:

- The highest priority will be given to those who intend to pursue a PhD rather than the clinical MA or AuD.
- For applicants interested in placements with the [Planet Word research project](#), please apply through the Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences and indicate on your application that you are interested in being involved in the Planet Word project.

Step 4: Submit the BSOS SRI Supplemental Application

After completing steps 1-3 (above), please submit the **[BSOS SRI Supplemental Application](#)** and upload your completed résumé/CV and your expanded, supplemental personal statement.

IMPORTANT: It is important for you to review the BSOS SRI application instructions and questions before starting your application.

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For technical problems or questions about the BSOS SRI Supplemental Application, please contact Brittney Robinson, at [brobins7@umd.edu.](mailto:brobins7@umd.edu)