Overview of BSOS SRI
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.

Advice on Applying
When applying to University of Maryland BSOS SRI for the summer of 2018, we recommend:

- Submit all applications materials in advance of the deadlines – letters, transcripts, résumé or curriculum vita
- Request letters of recommendation well in advance of the submission deadlines.
- CIC SROP Application Deadline is February 10, 2018

General Tips on Statements of Interest Submitted through the common CIC application:

- In your statement, please explain your academic experiences to date; your plans for graduate training and specific field of interest in graduate school; your ultimate career goals specifically as a social and behavioral scientist and how the SRI might help you reach your goals; and the knowledge/skills you would like to obtain from the SRI.
- Students who explain how their specific areas of interest relate to the research of specific BSOS faculty tend to stand out in our application review process (see our department websites for details on faculty research).
- Please use a 12-point, Times New Roman or Arial font as well as be sure to separate each paragraph of your statement with a full blank line to prevent your paragraphs from merging once you submit your supplemental material.

BSOS SRI Supplemental Questions
We provide supplemental questions, which make it easier for us to identify students who best fit our unique program foci. We also require applicants to submit a current curriculum vita (C.V.) or résumé. Please visit http://apps.gradschool.umd.edu/GSAwardsSystem/ to answer the BSOS SRI supplemental questions and to upload your C.V. or résumé. Click on SROP Supplemental Application to access the questions.

- Are you a first generation college student? (Yes or No)
- Please list up to five college-level research methodology, research design, statistics, and math courses you have taken and the grades you received. These courses should also be reflected on the transcripts you submit.
Do you have immediate plans to enter graduate school?  (Yes, No, Not Sure)

Which highest degree is of immediate interest to you? (Masters, PhD, MD, JD, other)

When you apply to graduate school, which is the social and behavioral science field that is of most interest to you for your graduate studies? Choose only one. (African American Studies, Anthropology, Criminology/Criminal Justice, Economics, Geographical Sciences, Government and Politics, Hearing and Speech Sciences, Psychology, Sociology)

If admitted to BSOS SRI, which 3 department placements would be best for you (African American Studies, Anthropology, Criminology/Criminal Justice, Economics, Geographical Sciences, Government and Politics, Hearing and Speech Sciences, Psychology, Sociology)  

NOTE: We do our best to match students with their preferences. However, we cannot guarantee it. Matches are made on the basis of faculty availability for the summer. **** Special note for applicants interested in placements in the Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences – Highest priority will be given to those who intend to pursue a research doctorate rather than the clinical M.A. or AuD. ******

Please visit our department websites and identify up to three faculty members and their departments whose work is of interest to you. NOTE: Once again, we cannot guarantee matches with the individuals you list. However, providing us with names and departments gives us information on what type of summer research topics might be of interest or helpful to you.

Please provide a single, integrated personal/academic statement that explains the following:

1.) Your academic experiences to date, any past research experiences you have had, your plan for graduate training, the specific field of interest and/or research question/problem you plan to pursue in graduate school, your ultimate career goal, and how you believe the University of Maryland SRI might help you reach your educational and career goals.

2.) Each applicant must integrate a response to the following prompt into his or her supplemental statement. Please describe your interest or work (current and past) in diversity and inclusion in the behavioral and social sciences. This can include, but is not limited to, research related to certain populations or groups or sociocultural diversity, educational service-learning activities, internships, courses, extra-curricular activities, etc. In the future, how do you plan to contribute to research and teaching related to diverse, under-served, or historically marginalized groups or to the diversity, inclusion, and mentoring of scholars in the social and behavioral sciences?

For More Information:
If you have any questions about the BSOS SRI at the University of Maryland, please contact Ms. Marlissa Myers by email: bsossri@umd.edu or by phone: (301) 405-1097.