



Summer
Research
Opportunities
Program



Develop your research skills while working one-on-one with faculty mentors who share their research interest and experience with you.

Explore your interest in research while getting an opportunity to prepare for graduate studies.

Meet UIC faculty, staff and other talented students in an environment with great resources and opportunities.

Purpose:

The Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP) is designed to introduce university sophomores and juniors to the academic and intellectual rewards of graduate study. The Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) established the program in 1986. The goal is to increase the number of underrepresented students who pursue academic careers by enhancing their preparation for graduate study through intensive research experiences with faculty mentors.

Program Structure:

Students in the social sciences and the humanities participate in a ten-week program.

Benefits:

- SROP prepares participants for graduate studies
- Participants receive a \$3,500 award
- Includes partial University meal plan
- Access to campus facilities
- Round-trip travel expenses for out-of-state students

<http://www.uic.edu/depts/grad/>

Eligibility:

1. UIC McNair scholars and sophomores and juniors from groups that are traditionally underrepresented in graduate programs.
2. Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75/4.00.
3. **Statement of Purpose** - Indicate why you are interested in the program. Also include how you feel you will benefit personally and academically from the SROP experience and how your participation will affect the achievements of your career goals.
4. **Career Statement** – Describe your specific research interests, academic and career goals. Please discuss your skills that will be useful in your research (computer competency, qualitative/quantitative research skills, knowledge about statistical programs, etc.)
5. Two letters of recommendation in sealed envelopes. Both letters should be from faculty who can attest to your ability to conduct independent research under the supervision of a faculty mentor.
6. Official transcripts are required.

Deadline: All required documents must be turned in no later than February 27, 2009. Application will be reviewed as they are received. We strongly encourage you to apply early.

Examples of Student Abstract Titles for SROP

Carbon Dioxide Sequestration	Zapatistas Feministas	Hypertension Control
Black-Latina/o Relations in a Low Income Housing Context	Early European Influences on the Eastern Columbia Plateau	Failed Justice: Latinos In Prison
“Mexiricans” Linguistic and Cultural Shifts	Taíno Survivors In Puerto Rico	School-Based Mental Health Programs

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