Department of Sociology

IT’S TIME TO BEGIN THINKING ABOUT SUMMER RESEARCH!!

Now that the fall term is winding down, believe it or not it is time to begin making plans if you are considering undertaking some kind of research experience during the summer of 2021. Most summer opportunities and programs have application deadlines soon after your return following the January break, so you are encouraged to attend these seminars and activities after Thanksgiving devoted to undergraduate research:

Please see Finding Research Funding: https://uraf.harvard.edu/funding-considerations for common sources of undergraduate research support and deadlines. **Remember, many deadlines for summer funding are in February 2021, so please be sure and look through the different funding sources. URAF Research Program research opportunities may be found here: https://uraf.harvard.edu/uraf-administered-programs

Many of our Sociology Concentrators receive money through the Harvard College Research Program (HCRP): https://uraf.harvard.edu/all-organize-field (Research in the Social Sciences, third block from top).

**Deadlines:**
- Fall term funding: 12 noon (EDT), Tuesday, September 15, 2020
- Spring term funding: 12 noon (EST), Tuesday, February 9, 2021
- Summer funding: 12 noon (EST), Thursday, April 1, 2021
(Late applications will not be accepted!)

HUMAN SUBJECTS TRAINING

Ethics training for students planning to conduct research involving human subjects in the spring and summer, hosted by the Committee on the Use of Human Subjects, the IRB for the Harvard University-Area. Please visit the following link for more information about training options and undergraduate-initiated research at Harvard. Please look at URTP Quick Links on right to see if IRB Training is necessary for your project: https://cuhs.harvard.edu/urtp-portal. (Please note: If you have already attended an in-person training as an undergraduate, you do not have to repeat the seminar.) Please email CUHS at cuhs@harvard.edu or call 617-496-2847 with any questions you may have. **Do not begin to gather data until you have attended an In-Person Training Session or completed Online CITI Training.** Check the CUHS website for spring in-person training dates.

HOUSE MEETINGS ON SUMMER RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES: Check their Events Calendar for details: https://uraf.harvard.edu/calendar

Harvard College’s annual House meetings to explore Harvard, domestic, and international research opportunities, including how and where to find program information; Harvard programs such as PRISE, BLISS, and PRIMO, Herchel Smith, HCRP, and regional center programs; how to prepare for the application process; and, how research projects are funded.

THE ANNUAL OCS SUMMER FUNDING AND PROGRAMMING FAIR
The Office of Career Services hosts over 80 summer programs to help you begin your summer search. Programs are both Harvard affiliated and public or private sector and include internships, public service, funding, travel, and research. Check out:
CAPS UNDERGRADUATE SUMMER GRANT
In order to encourage innovative research by undergraduate students, the Center for American Political Studies (CAPS) awards summer research fellowships up to $2,500 each to Harvard College juniors who are writing a senior thesis on any aspect of contemporary American politics. Undergraduates in any concentration in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences are welcome to apply. The purpose of the fellowship is to enable students to spend time in the summer and in the fall of their senior year on thesis research. It is acceptable to apply for funding to support archival research efforts locally and domestically, in addition to other methods to gather relevant materials and data (surveys, literature searches, etc.). CAPS is one of the few resources for undergraduates in the social sciences to obtain funding to support qualitative thesis research. To learn more and to apply please visit the CAPS website. The deadline is 5pm, February 12, 2021.

URAF WALK-IN ADVISING (Zoom Link, Spring 2021)
Daily, Monday-Friday, 2:00-4:00pm
https://uraf.harvard.edu/
Have a question (or a bunch of questions) about research opportunities? Come to URAF’s daily advising hours and speak with one of our advising staff. Requests for further info, answers to questions, and appointment scheduling may be sent to undergradresearch@fas.harvard.edu or fellowships@fas.harvard.edu or call 617.495-5095. (Be sure to check out the “Research & Fellowships” web site, https://uraf.harvard.edu/)