

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 2018. **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 January/February 2018, 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>

Deadlines:

Fall term funding: 12 noon, Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Spring term funding: 12 noon, Wednesday, January 31, 2018

Summer funding: 12 noon, Wednesday, March 28, 2018

HUMAN SUBJECTS TRAINING-Fall Term

Wednesday, November 15, 4-5:30

Sever Hall 202

Wednesday, November 29, 5-6:30

Harvard Hall 102

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: <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.) **DO NOT BEGIN TO GATHER DATA – EVEN RECRUITING SUBJECTS – UNTIL YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE URTF DECISION FORM! (See link above)**

ENTERING THE WORLD OF RESEARCH ("RESEARCH 101")

Wednesday, November 29, 4:00-5:30pm

Fong Auditorium, Boylston Hall

This 1 1/2-hour overview is intended for freshmen and any undergraduate upperclassmen who have not yet had a research experience at Harvard. The program includes guidance on how to develop a research proposal from an idea, how to navigate the various funding resources for research available to undergraduates, how to build critical connections with faculty mentors, how to write a research proposal, and the opportunity to speak with concentration specialists about your interests. **THIS IS A "DON'T MISS" EVENT FOR FRESHMEN CONSIDERING A RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND OTHERS WHO HAVE NOT YET HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO RESEARCH!!**

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

Tuesday, November 28th, 7:00pm
Location TBD

Wednesday, November 29th, 7:00pm
Location TBD

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

Tuesday, December 5, 1:00-4:00pm
The SOCH (59 Shepard Street)

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 (URAF staff will be there to answer your questions!). Check out: <http://ocs.fas.harvard.edu/summeropps>

URAF WALK-IN ADVISING

Daily, Monday-Friday, 2:00-4:00pm
77 Dunster Street, 2nd floor

Have a question (or a bunch of questions) about research opportunities? Come to URAF's daily walk-in advising hours and speak with one of our advising staff. Walk-in advising appointments will be available through Reading Period, then again after the holidays, beginning the week prior to the opening of the spring term. 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](tel:617.495-5095). (Be sure to check out the "Research & Fellowships" web site, <https://uraf.harvard.edu!>)

THESIS 101: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know (but Were Afraid to Ask) about Writing a Senior Thesis in the Social Sciences

January 17-19, 2018 (during Wintersession)
10am-4pm, CGIS Knafel Building

Learn about how to apply for summer research and travel funding; the essentials of formulating a thesis topic, conducting research, applying for grants, and more. **** Sign up online at bit.ly/HarvardThesis101 ****