

# University of Utah

## Summer Research Opportunity Program in Psychology (SROP 2009)

### Program

The Department of Psychology at the University of Utah invites you to apply for our Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP) for underrepresented students. This year's SROP will commence on May 30 and continue until August 7, 2009. We accept 8 undergraduate and 4 pre-masters level graduate students into an internship that provides valuable research and professional development experience under the guidance of faculty in the Department of Psychology. The program is designed to strengthen the skills needed to get into and successfully complete a doctorate program in psychology or related fields.

Since its inception in 1992, the goal of SROP Psychology has been to help diversify the field and broaden the range of perspectives. Program objectives are to provide students with the preparation to become research scholars, stimulate serious consideration of Ph.D. study, prepare students for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), and increase the number of underrepresented students who enter Ph.D. programs and who pursue careers in university teaching and research. SROP participants will receive up to four semester hours of academic credit from the University of Utah.

### Program Expectations

Research projects are under individual faculty sponsorship. Students are encouraged to express a specific or general area of research. However, the program **cannot** guarantee that students will work in a preferred area of research. Faculty mentors and the program director reserve the right to

make final research placements. All research is substantive, requiring the **full-time** commitment of students. Mandatory weekly meetings and seminars are also scheduled. A final abstract, paper, and formal presentations are required in addition to participation at a poster session near the end of the program.

### Awards

Program participants will be awarded a stipend (approximately \$3,500 for undergraduates & \$4,500 for graduate students). GRE preparation is included. Interns are required to live in assigned, on-campus residences. The program covers on-campus housing expenses and board. Travel costs associated with the program will be provided within certain limitations.

Application materials to be submitted include:

- a) **Program application form;**
- b) **Personal statement;**
- c) **Official transcript of all college/graduate work;**
- d) **Two letters of recommendation from faculty members or teaching assistants.**

**We strongly recommend that you send all application materials in one package. Send your letters of recommendation in a sealed envelope signed on the flap by the recommender.**

For further information, please contact:

Paul H. White, Ph.D.

Phone: (801) 581-6124, Fax: (801) 581-5841

Email: paul.white@psych.utah.edu

SROP Website: [www.psych.utah.edu/srop](http://www.psych.utah.edu/srop)

**Summer Research Opportunity Program in Psychology (SROP)**

University of Utah

May 30-August 7, 2009

(Please complete form on a computer or typewriter)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Permanent Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Telephone #:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ **Permanent #:** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ethnicity:**  African American  
 American Indian (please specify tribal affiliation) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Asian American  
 Latina/o  
 Pacific Islander/Alaska native  
 White  
 Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**U.S. Citizen:** (Y) (N) **Permanent Resident:** (Y) (N)

**Birth Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender:** (M) (F)

**Undergraduate/Graduate Institution:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Class Standing (Mark One):** (Sophomore) (Junior) (Senior)  
(Graduate but not in Graduate school) (Graduate student)

**Anticipated Graduation Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Major & Degree:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Did either of your parents graduate from a four-year college?** (Y) (N)

**Overall Undergraduate GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Undergraduate Major GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mark the following if appropriate:**

**MARC Scholar, MBRS Scholar, McNair Scholar, COR Scholar, SROP Scholar,**

**Other summer/research programs (please list):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you planning to attend graduate school?** (Y) (N)

**What type of graduate schools (e.g., Clinical, Educational Psych, Neuroscience, Social Psych, Social Work) are you considering for graduate study & which institutions?**

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**Briefly state your career goal:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**List your extracurricular and community activities during your college/graduate career:**

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**Select a campus activity in which you have participated. Please indicate your role in, and what you have learned from this experience.** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Discuss your community involvement in one or more activities in which you deem your contribution is/was significant.** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Indicate courses you have taken that are related to the academic and research area of your choice.** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please indicate an individual on your campus whom you anticipate a continuing relationship with over the coming years. This person may be an advisor, a faculty member, a mentor, etc. Anyone connected with your institution that may/will be informed about your graduate school plans and decisions are appropriate. Please indicate if you have discussed any future graduate study with him/her.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Department, School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Phone:** (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Personal Statement

**Your personal/academic statement should be no more than 3-4 pages in length and typed or word-processed. Your statement should explain why you want to participate in SROP and what you hope to gain from the program. Include how this research experience will help you achieve your current and future academic and career goals. Your statement should clearly address the following topics: the specific field(s) in which you are interested in conducting research, why you are interested in this/these fields, any relevant research experience you have had in an academic or a work setting, and a brief description of any relevant courses you are taking during the present term. Finally, explain what you will contribute to the Summer Research Opportunity Program; describe the personal qualities you would bring to the program and explain how those qualities would benefit both the program and its participants.**

**At the bottom of your statement, list any faculty you would like to work with during the summer (visit [www.psych.utah.edu](http://www.psych.utah.edu) for list of faculty). In addition, please indicate the top three (1st, 2nd, 3rd) research areas of interests that you wish to pursue this summer:**

General Clinical, General Cognitive, General Developmental, General Social, Counseling, Clinical-Health, Attitudes & Persuasion, Child-Clinical, Decision Making, Diversity, Engineering Psychology, Environment & Behavior, Family Therapy, Human Factors, Memory, Moral Development, Motivation, Neuroscience, Parent-Child Relationships, Personality, Peer Relationships, Positive Psychology, Prejudice & Stereotyping, Self-Regulation, Social-Health, Spatial Perception, Stress & Health, Substance Abuse

**I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge that all information submitted is complete and accurate. I understand that disclosing fallacious information may be grounds for dismissal from the program.**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return completed application to:**

**Attention: Dr. Paul H. White, Director of SROP  
Department of Psychology, University of Utah  
380 South 1530 East, Room 502  
Salt Lake City, UT 84112**

**Application deadline: Received by February 16, 2009**

(We will begin reviewing applications on Feb. 16 and continue until all slots are filled)