

Summer Research at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: The Summer Pre-Graduate Research Experience (SPGRE) Program

This summer, the 2007 Summer Pre-Graduate Research Experience (SPGRE) Program will be in its 19th year of offering undergraduate students throughout the country the opportunity to work full-time on research projects under the direction of UNC-CH faculty members and to conduct high quality research. This 10-week research education program is designed for students **sincerely interested in pursuing the Ph.D. degree**. SPGRE is one effort to address the obvious shortage of PhD recipients from African American, American Indian, Mexican American, and Puerto Rican populations. We, of course, have particular interests in students interested in PhD programs at UNC-CH. Preferences will be given to students who have completed their junior year. Those not eligible to participate are: Freshmen, students who have graduated before or during the program, and students not US citizens or permanent residents.

SPGRE students may be involved in research ranging from molecular biology to analytical chemistry to marine science or from economics to American colonial history to 20th century American literature. There are five broad research related areas—physical and computational sciences, life and biomedical sciences, social and behavioral sciences, the humanities, and environmental sciences. Thus, the range of research options is extremely broad and can be tailored for just about any student's interest. A large number of SPGRE students majoring in the social sciences and humanities participate in our Moore Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program (MURAP) component--For more information, go to the MURAP website: www.unc.edu/depts/murap/. All student participants will work with or under the direction of a UNC-CH faculty member. UNC-CH departments and the research listing of faculty members can be found at www.unc.edu/depts.

SPGRE 2007 starts May 20th and ends July 27th. The program involves full-time research, but a number of social activities are included as well as special seminars and sessions related to research and graduate programs. There are also various workshops: a GRE preparatory session, the annual MURAP Conference, and the annual SPGRE Poster Session which occurs at the end of the Program. SPGRE affords an excellent opportunity for students to closely interact with UNC-CH Graduate School programs and work one-on-one with faculty, postdoctoral fellows, and graduate students.

Students will produce a paper as their finished product and will also present their research at the poster session. A number of students will have opportunities to make oral presentations of their work during the course of their participation in SPGRE. All students in the MURAP component will make oral presentations. Students will receive a stipend of \$3,200 and a food allowance of \$1,450. Housing is provided and travel is reimbursed up to \$500.

Please note: The url for SPGRE is www.ibiblio.org/res. Click on “Undergraduate Summer Research” for SPGRE. Students can apply online by clicking on “SPGRE Application Login.” Please feel free to contact Ms. Kathy Wood at (919) 962-2509/kathy_wood@unc.edu. You can also reach us by mail at: UNC-Chapel Hill, RES Program, CB# 3500, Peabody Hall, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3500 or via fax: (919) 843-2554.

***Application deadline is February 9, 2007.**