UC SANTA BARBARA Academic Research Consortium

Graduate Division

The Academic Research Consortium (ARC) Summer Program provides mentored research experiences in all disciplines to undergraduates at the junior level and graduate students at the master's level who are seeking to gain experience and prepare for doctoral programs at UC Santa Barbara. ARC targets talented and motivated students from Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) in California who can benefit from additional academic support and career development.

The ARC Summer Program fosters and supports students in scholarly research endeavors to help them achieve their personal and professional goals as undergraduates and to prepare them for their next challenge.



Mentorship

ARC Scholars are matched individually with UCSB faculty and graduate student mentors who provide training and support fitted to the individual interests and academic goals of the scholar.

Professional and Academic Development

ARC Scholars broaden their professional and academic experiences through workshops, Graduate Record Examination (GRE) training, and presentations to peers, staff, and academics.

Financial Support

ARC Scholars are funded as part of their summer research experiences via summer stipend, housing accommodations (current UCSB students will receive a housing stipend in lieu of housing accommodations), and roundtrip transportation accommodations.

Research Experiences

ARC Scholars have an opportunity to engage in summer research experience as a fully funded scholar. Scholars are provided with an excellent opportunity to explore their discipline, experience research, and improve their opportunities for future study in their chosen field.

Eligibility Requirements

- U.S. citizens or permanent residents
- AB540 students are eligible to apply
- Enrolled at a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) in California
- Completion of at least the junior year by June 2023, or be enrolled as a Masters student
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0

Priority consideration given to:

- Groups underrepresented in higher education
- Students from economically/educationally disadvantaged backgrounds
- First generation to attend college
- Non-traditional students
- Individuals who have faced life challenges

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