

UC-HBCU Initiative

Call for Proposals

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UC-HBCU Initiative Aims

- To encourage and facilitate more graduate school applications from HBCU students
- To increase enrollment of HBCU alumni in UC Ph.D. programs
- To spread awareness about UCI graduate programs and research opportunities
- To offer cost-share fellowships in partnership with campuses to enroll former UC-HBCU interns into UC PhD programs

Scan for the 2021-22 UC-HBCU Initiative RFP



<https://www.ucop.edu/uc-hbcu-initiative/files/faculty-grants/uc-hbcu-rfp.pdf>

Historically Black Colleges and Universities

- U.S. Department of Education List of [Accredited HBCUs](#)
 - Developed out of white supremacy and legal segregation
 - Contributed to Black Americans' educational advancement

- 2019: 100 HBCUs in 19 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands; 51 public institutions and 49 private nonprofits.

[National Center for Education Statistics](#)

UC-HBCU Accomplishments

- **HBCU Interns:** c. 700 HBCU students across 10 campuses engaged in summer research internships
- **PhD Enrollment:** 79 PhD fellows enrolled at UCs as a direct result of the UC-HBCU Initiative; 71% in STEM fields, 29% in Social Sciences and Humanities
- **Higher Admissions:** 5-year average admission rate for UC-HBCU alumni is 54% v. 21% for African American/Blacks generally and 15% for HBCU students, not including UC-HBCU alumni
- **Higher Yield:** Yield rate (accept admissions) for UC-HBCU alumni is 89% v. 46% for African Americans generally, and 47% for HBCU students, not including UC-HBCU alumni

UC-HBCU Benefits to You

- Strengthen your program/department
- Enhance your research through relationships with HBCU counterparts
- Widen your network beyond normal sphere
- Fund an interesting idea that can make a difference
- Chance to mentor outstanding HBCU students
- Have a positive impact on the academic pipeline
- Contribute to UCI's Black Thriving Initiative

Three Funding Opportunities

➤ **Summer Research Internship Support Grant**

- 1-year grant support for HBCU students during summer 2023

➤ **Summer Research and Graduate Admission Pathways Grant**

- 3-year support for HBCU student research in summers 2023, 2024, 2025

➤ **Small Research Grant**

- up to \$50K for research project improving UC-HBCU and Black student inclusion and experience in UC PhD programs

Select Comparison of Funding Opportunities

	1-yr Internship	3-yr Pathways	Small Research
Eligibility	Any UC Senate faculty (1 PI, can have Co-I/multiple collaborators)		
Award Maximum	Unspecified c. \$16K for 2 students	Unspecified c. \$80K-\$500K for 2-10 students	Up to \$50K
Typical Students & Residency	8-week summer program 1 summer minimum 2 students	8-week summer program 3 summers in a row minimum 2 students	N/A: Research on improving Black/HBCU student inclusion in PhD
Summer Salary (Campus provides)	Only PI eligible 1/9 or 1/12 (Med School)	Only PI eligible 1/9 or 1/12 (Med School)	No
Selection	c. 35% average funding rate		(Started 2020)

Main Proposal Components

1. Project Plan/Research Plan Narrative (5 page limit)
2. Budget Summary (Excel and PDF)
3. Budget Justification
4. PI Bio Sketch (2-page limit)
5. Key Academic and Administrative Personnel (3-page limit)
6. Signatures: PI, collaborators, Department Chair and Graduate Dean
7. Support Letter(s) – from (each) HBCU partner (required; 3-page limit)
8. Additional Attachments, support letters (optional but recommended; 3-page limit)

<https://www.ucop.edu/uc-hbcu-initiative/faculty-grants/application-instructions-and-templates/index.html>

Coordinate with Grad Division SURF Programming

Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Tentative Dates

- June 18 – August 11, 2023
- June 23 – August 16, 2024

SURF Provides

- Graduate School Preparation
- Research Symposium
- Networking Opportunities
- SURF participants receive \$4,000 research stipend

<https://grad.uci.edu/prospective-students/graduate-preparation-programs/summer-undergraduate-research-fellowship/>

Budget:

Estimated Summer Costs
Graduate Division SURF
Program

[PDF Available Here](#)

Summer 2023 Costs

Description	Estimated Costs Room Only (Double)	Estimated Costs with Room and Board Double	Estimated Costs with Room and Board Single
Housing	\$ 2,905.88	\$ 5,159.70	\$ 6,010.20
HA/Graduate Student Assistant (Housing Cost and Stip)	\$ 607.75	\$ 607.75	\$ 607.75
Challenge Program - Ropes Course	\$ 26.74	\$ 26.74	\$ 26.74
Room Rentals	\$ 109.40	\$ 109.40	\$ 109.40
Supplies	\$ 145.86	\$ 145.86	\$ 145.86
Meals	\$ 201.01	\$ 201.01	\$ 201.01
GRE Preparation and Exam	\$ 850.85	\$ 850.86	\$ 850.86
Total	\$ 4,847.49	\$ 7,101.32	\$ 7,951.82

Summer 2024 Costs

Description	Estimated Costs Room Only	Estimated Costs with Room and Board Double	Estimated Costs with Room and Board Single
Housing	\$ 3,051.17	\$ 5,417.69	\$ 6,310.71
HA/Graduate Student Assistant (Housing Cost and Stip)	\$ 638.14	\$ 638.14	\$ 638.14
Challenge Program - Ropes Course	\$ 28.08	\$ 28.08	\$ 28.08
Room Rentals	\$ 114.87	\$ 114.87	\$ 114.87
Supplies	\$ 153.15	\$ 153.15	\$ 153.15
Meals	\$ 211.06	\$ 211.06	\$ 211.06
GRE Preparation and Exam	\$ 893.40	\$ 893.40	\$ 893.40
Total	\$ 5,089.86	\$ 7,456.38	\$ 8,349.41

Note: Does not include student participant summer stipend or travel costs

Projections are based on a 'return to normal' by summer 2023 with summer 2022 being single occupancy housing

Final numbers may not reflect the estimate.

Selection Criteria for Internship/Pathways

1. Strength of UC faculty commitment and involvement
2. Departmental support/commitment to inclusive excellence
3. Campus support/collaborations (letters of support encouraged)
4. Commitment of HBCU faculty partners (letter of support required)
5. Quality of project plan including metrics for post-program evaluation
6. Effective mentoring plan before, during and post-program
7. Indicators of sustainable pathways with HBCU, show partnership and connections
8. For 3-Year Pathways: Institutionalized pathways to UC PhD programs to improve inclusion of HBCU scholars in UC PhD Programs

Selection Criteria for Small Research

1. Efficacy of the Research Plan
2. Departmental, school, campus support as appropriate
3. Potential impact of research on improving inclusion and experience of UC-HBCU and particularly Black students in UC PhD programs

Tips from Successful UCI Applications

- Strong and many multiple letters of support
- Multiple signers from all levels of partner organizations show comprehensive support, within page limits
- Outreach: UCI prior awardees, Graduate Division Vice Provost and Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion re: potential HBCU contacts
- Awardees have relationships and a clear plan to recruit participants strategically, relying heavily on HBCU partners and coordinators
- Exchange program activities are highly valued in the proposal review process, as well as for later program promotion
- Summer plan: have clear social supports and activities to build community

Past UCI Awardees

Internship (1 year):

- Tayloria Adams, Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering (2019)
- Laurence Mueller, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology (2016)
- Rossella Santagata, Education (2015)
- Belinda Robnett, Sociology (2012)
- Sharon Block, History (2011)

Pathways (3 year):

- Autumn Ivy, Pediatrics (2021)
- Jessica Millward, History (2019)
- Vasan Venugopalan, Chemical & Biomolecular Eng. (2019)
- Gregory Washington, Engineering (2018)
- V. Apkarian, Chemistry (2016)
- Bruce Tromberg, Biomedical Engineering (2016)
- Roxane Cohen Silver, Psychological Science (2012)

<https://www.ucop.edu/uc-hbcu-initiative/funded-proposals/index.html>

Important Dates

- **Submissions due March 15, 2022, at Noon, Pacific time**

- [Application Instructions](#)

- Submit to [Proposal Central](#)

- Awards announced in July 2022

- December 1, 2022: Summer Intern Participant names due

- Summer 2023: Research Programs begin

- (through Summer 2025 for 3-year Pathways grant)

- Funds available after student names submitted in Dec 2022

Important Links

- RFP: https://www.ucop.edu/uc-hbcu-initiative/_files/faculty-grants/uc-hbcu-rfp.pdf
- UC-HBCU Initiative website: <https://www.ucop.edu/uc-hbcu-initiative/>
 - PDF Tutorial: https://www.ucop.edu/uc-hbcu-initiative/_files/faculty-grants/applicant-information-tutorial.pdf
 - 4-minute video: <https://youtu.be/FKrrANOm-N8>
- Application instructions and template and form examples:
 - <https://www.ucop.edu/uc-hbcu-initiative/faculty-grants/application-instructions-and-templates/index.html>
- Frequently Asked Questions: https://www.ucop.edu/uc-hbcu-initiative/_files/faq.pdf
- Email: gradstudies@ucop.edu or Call: 510-987-0697
 - UCOP Grad Studies can provide sample of a successful proposal

**Thank you
and
Questions?**

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