Program Announcement

Texas A&M University – College Station invites applications for the 2016 Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Summer Institute on Research Investigating Social Disparity and Social Vulnerability hosted jointly by the Departments of Sociology and Urban Planning.

What is NSF REU?

The National Science Foundation’s REU initiative supports undergraduate student involvement in social science research projects including training in and hands-on application of research methods. REU is an excellent way for interested students to learn about, and prepare for, graduate training and careers in sociology, urban planning, and social science research.

Program Overview

Our Summer Institute offers students with interests in careers in social science research the opportunity to gain training in research methods and hands-on research experiences working with faculty supervisors from the Sociology and Urban Planning departments at Texas A&M University. Many participants in past Summer Institutes have gone on to earn graduate degrees and enter into careers as professors and researchers.

The program involves a mix of seminar instruction, field trips, professional seminars, hands-on participation in ongoing research projects, and one-on-one mentoring from faculty and advanced doctoral students. The methods seminar examples, field trips and research projects focus on investigating social disparity and social vulnerability in a variety of areas including: health, housing segregation, exposure to natural and man-made hazards, and more.

Program Particulars

When: The Summer Institute runs for six weeks from May 28 to July 9, 2016.

Where: Texas A&M Univ.—College Station, TX

Activities Include: An advanced undergraduate seminar reviewing research methods for investigating social disparity and social vulnerability; Mentoring sessions on careers and graduate training in sociology and urban planning; Participating in a research project working with a faculty supervisor and mentor; Research field trip(s) focusing on social disparity and social vulnerability; Guest speakers including PhDs from our earlier REU programs; Participation in a Capstone Research Symposium at Texas A&M-College Station; Travel to present a research paper at a professional conference in sociology or urban planning.

Financial Support: The program provides a financial stipend to support student participation. It also covers costs for: room and board for the six-week Summer Institute; travel to/from College Station; and travel for field trips and attending a professional conference.

Preferred Qualifications: Strong interest in a possible career involving research in sociology and/or urban planning; Sophomore or junior standing in a relevant social science major; A prior course in research methods; and An academic record indicating excellent potential for success in the program.

Eligibility: Students who are currently working toward a four-year degree can be nominated or can apply directly. Applicants must be US citizens and have the support and endorsement of a home campus faculty mentor.

Contact Information & Application Timeline

For assistance, contact Tiffany Evans (email: t-evans@tamu.edu, phone: 979-845-5618)

For further information and application materials, visit our website at

http://txrdc.tamu.edu/reu/

Application reviews begin March 1, 2016 and continue until all positions are filled.

Jointly hosted by the Department of Sociology (College of Liberal Arts) and the Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning (College of Architecture) at Texas A&M University.