Research Institute for Scholars in Education

Are you an undergraduate student looking for a PAID research internship?

1. Would you like to learn more about what’s involved in reading, writing, talking, or listening (with young children, youth, or adults)?
2. Are you interested in doing research on COMPLEX topics like language and literacy?

If you are a sophomore or junior from and a US citizen or permanent resident who is a member of an under-represented group (Racial or ethnic minority (i.e., American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Pacific Islander), first-generation or economically disadvantaged, veteran, or a student with disabilities) then this program is for you!

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Program Description:
Project RISE (Research Institute for Scholars in Education), is a collaborative partnership between the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP) and Bowie State University (BSU). This project will equip and inspire 12 Pathway Fellows per year to pursue future doctoral study to advance knowledge in language and literacy. This program provides research-skills training and mentoring for undergraduate students from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds. The elements of the fellowship experience include: (a) A full-time, 8-week summer research seminar AND a 2 week winter seminar with faculty involvement from both universities; (b) Immersion in high-quality quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods research by faculty at UMCP; (c) Sustained support for Fellows by faculty at BSU to hone their academic skills (both oral and written communication), and to receive information about graduate school and careers as well as assistance in applying for such programs; and, (d) Peer mentoring from graduate students.

Benefits:
• Year-long stipend (summer, fall, winter, and spring research training)
• Development of Research Skills
• Community of Mentors
• Graduate/Professional School Preparation
• Career Training & Development
• Professional and personal networking
• Funding for GRE prep and exam
• Meals provided during Summer/Winter workshops
• Local travel reimbursement to training and research sites
• Travel to professional conference
• Help in doctoral application process

Program Requirements:
• Citizens or permanent US resident
• Enrolled as full-time undergraduate student at UMCP or BSU
• Must be an underrepresented minority or from a disadvantaged background
• Interested in language and literacy in interdisciplinary contexts
• Willing to commit to year-round program beginning Summer
• Available for 6-8 hours per semester (fall and spring) to work on research project with mentors
• Demonstrated prior leadership or community involvement during freshman or sophomore years

Application - 2020-21 applications priority deadline December 2019, open until filled. Includes 2 letters of recommendation, personal statement, transcript, in-person interview. See full directions and applications at:
https://www.education.umd.edu/academics/departments/chse/research/project-rise

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