

Application Deadline: February 16, 2009

2009 Multicultural Summer Research Opportunities Application Form

Date _____

Section 1

Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Social security number _____ - _____ - _____ Male Female

College Address:

Street _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

College Phone (_____) _____

E-mail _____

Address valid until ____/____/____

Home Address:

Street _____

City _____

State/ Zip _____

Home Phone (_____) _____

I am a: US citizen US permanent resident International student: J-1 F-1

Please check the ethnic group (s) with which you most identify.

African-American/Black

Alaskan/Aleut

Asian-American

Caucasian

Latin@/Hispanic

Mexican-American/Chican@

Native American

Puerto Rican

Other _____

Are you a first generation College student (Check one) Yes

No

Section 2

Academic Information:

For the '08-'09 year: I am a student at _____

Current student status: So. _____ Jr. _____ Sr. _____ Number of credits completed _____

Number of credits you expect to complete by end of Spring Semester 2009 _____

Indicate your major _____

Overall GPA _____

GPA in major _____

Expected graduation date: _____

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Have you had any laboratory research experience? Yes No Not applicable

Do you plan to apply to a graduate/advanced degree program? Yes No

If yes, what kind graduate/advanced degree are you interested in?

M.S./M.A. Ph.D. M.D. Other _____ Not sure

Graduate/professional interest _____

Have you already identified a faculty mentor at the U of MN with whom you wish to conduct research?

Yes No

If yes: Faculty name/Dept _____ Phone (____) _____

Campus mailing address:

Are there any other factors to be considered when deciding the research project that would be best for you?

List three research areas that interest you:

First choice: _____

Second choice: _____

Third choice: _____

Do you have other grants or fellowships for 2009 summer research? Yes No

If yes, please give source and amount:

The Multicultural Summer Research Opportunities Program will provide the cost of housing which includes room and board in a campus dormitory. Are you interested in University housing? Yes No

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Application Materials Required: The following must be submitted with this application form:

1. **Personal Essay:** On a separate sheet of paper, please provide a one-page (approximately 500 words), typed, double-spaced, personal essay. Use the following as a guide to help you write the essay:
 - a) State why you wish to participate in this research program--include any information that you feel supports your request to participate (i.e. research experiences, coursework, employment, internships, etc.)
 - b) State the research question (s) that interests you and would like to pursue in this program.
 - c) Describe your career goals and how you plan to reach them (i.e. graduate program, employment).

Important: The personal essay is a strong factor in determining your selection to the program and will be reviewed by the selection committee and the faculty mentor. Please pay special attention to content, organization, clarity, and grammar when submitting the essay. It will be the committee's and faculty mentor's first impression of your scholarly work and should be taken seriously.

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FORM

Instructions for the Applicant: Complete the top section of this form and give it to your recommender. *Remember to refer your recommender to the MSROP program description.* The recommender should complete the bottom section and attach the form to the letter of recommendation. The recommendation should come from someone who has worked closely with you in a lab or other classroom setting.

Applicant's Name _____

College/University _____

Undergraduate Major _____

Recommender's Name _____

Under federal law, the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, students may waive their right to view the recommendation letter by signing the statement below. Should you decide not to waive that right, you will have access to the recommendation if you become a participant in this program. I hereby waive my right to inspect the recommendation letter:

Signature _____ Date _____

Instructions for the Recommender: Please refer to the back of this form for information on the Multicultural Summer Research Opportunities Program. Please attach this form to a statement about the applicant indicating how long you have known the student and the capacity. Write candidly about the student's qualifications and potential for research, as well as his or her intellect, maturity, and motivation for graduate or professional study. Please discuss areas in need of improvement, as well as present strengths. Thank you for your help.

Name _____

Title _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Return form to:
University of Minnesota
The Graduate School
ATTN: MSROP Program
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101 Pleasant Street SE
Minneapolis, MN 55455