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Graduate College

Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program @ the University of Illinois (URAP @ UI) Call for Graduate Applications - AY 2018/19

The Graduate College and the Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) offer the opportunity for advanced graduate students (i.e., those who have completed all coursework requirements and are in the dissertation research stage) to gain valuable research assistance and an important hands-on mentoring experience guiding and directing undergraduate apprentices. Through an individualized research experience with their graduate student mentor, undergraduate students have the opportunity to learn what it means to do research, to create knowledge, and to present their work publicly. Graduate student mentors begin the program in Fall 2018; undergraduate students will begin working with their mentors in Spring 2019.

Undergraduate apprentices earn 3 hours of course credit by enrolling in a weekly seminar on research methods and practices and providing approximately 6 hours of research assistance to their mentors per week. For graduate mentors, the program provides a workshop series in the fall semester, designed to help them plan and prepare to make the most of the semester-long spring apprenticeship. Topics covered include, among others, “building and maintaining an accountable mentoring relationship” and “addressing equity and inclusion in mentoring relationships.”

In the spring, graduate mentors enroll in a 0-credit “Graduate Mentoring Practicum.” The Practicum meets on a regular basis and provides the opportunity for mentors to receive support, to get further training, and to communicate concerns with URAP staff. Graduate students will also receive a Mentoring Certificate, issued by the Graduate College, at the completion of the program.

Graduate mentor applications should include:

- A current CV
- An unofficial transcript
- A letter of support from the prospective graduate mentor’s dissertation advisor
- A cover letter describing the graduate mentor’s dissertation project, how an undergraduate apprentice might be incorporated into the project, and the importance of participating in this apprenticeship program

An online application is available at the following link: [URAP @ UI - Graduate Mentor Application](#). Graduate students with significant and proven experience working with individuals from U.S. minority populations underrepresented at Illinois are encouraged to apply. For full consideration, submit applications by Friday, May 25, 2018.

[Please note: undergraduate applications will not be sought until October 2018.]