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Research Mentoring Program Call for Applications Seeking PhD Student Research Mentors for Summer 2024

Are you a doctoral candidate who would like the opportunity to mentor an undergraduate research assistant? If so, consider applying for the competitive Research Mentoring Program sponsored by the Graduate School.

"As a PhD student in the English department, I found the summer research fellowship to be a valuable opportunity to practice mentorship with an aspiring scholar. My mentee helped me make significant progress in my research organization by identifying and collecting resources in places I wasn't looking. More importantly, her willingness to ask questions and challenge my ideas provided a new and productive voice from outside my immediate critical circles." – a 2020 research mentor

This summer research program provides an opportunity for undergraduates to learn more about graduate studies and graduate-level research while supporting the mentorship training and research of a doctoral student. PhD mentors will be matched with an undergraduate research assistant to support their dissertation research, as well as receive a \$2,000 summer stipend and a budget of up to \$500 for research costs. Undergraduates will also receive a \$1,500 stipend for serving as a research assistant.

Components of the program include:

- One-to-one mentoring of an undergraduate student for 6-8 weeks during the summer 2024.
- Check-in meetings about progress and a final presentation meeting where you and your undergraduate assistant share your research accomplishments with the group.
- Joint poster or oral presentation at the Undergraduate Research and Engagement Symposium and/or Graduate Research Symposium in Spring 2024.

Please submit all materials requested below in PDF to the Graduate School at gradschool@luc.edu, **by December 8, 2023**

- A. Program of study, chair of committee and description of where you are in the dissertation process.
- B. Abstract of project written for readers outside of your discipline
- C. Description of summer undergraduate work including timeline – briefly describe what you would like your research assistant to accomplish.
- D. Brief statement (less than one page) describing your interest in mentoring
- E. Budget estimate (up to \$500)
- F. Letter of support from faculty mentor

Students with identities that are under-represented in their disciplines are strongly encouraged to apply. The Graduate School at Loyola University Chicago believes that students and our community are best served when the university population reflects the larger society and encourages the programs under its jurisdiction to embrace diversity and strive for inclusion. A diverse academic community enhances the pursuit of knowledge and its contribution to our understanding of the world around us.