

## Application Timeline

Online Application Opens: **October 1, 2015**

Application Deadline: **November 13, 2015**

Selectees notified by Center for Poverty Research via email: **November 30, 2015**

Decisions of Acceptance Due:  
**December 21, 2015**

Program Starts: **June 16, 2016**

Program Ends: **August 10, 2016**

## Contact Information

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## About the Center

The Center for Poverty Research at UC Davis was founded in the fall of 2011 with core funding from the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

We are one of three federally designated National Poverty Centers. Our mission is to facilitate non-partisan academic research on poverty in the U.S., to disseminate this research, and to train the next generation of poverty scholars. Our research agenda spans four themed areas of focus:

- Labor Markets and Poverty
- Children and the Intergenerational Transmission of Poverty
- The Non-traditional Safety Net, focusing on health and education
- The Relationship Between Poverty and Immigration

For more information, contact us via at [povertycenter@ucdavis.edu](mailto:povertycenter@ucdavis.edu) or visit us online at: [poverty.ucdavis.edu](http://poverty.ucdavis.edu)

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# UC DAVIS

## Summer Poverty Research Engagement Experience (UCD-SPREE)



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## UC Davis Summer Poverty Research Engagement Experience (UCD-SPREE)

The UC Davis Center for Poverty Research (CPR) in collaboration with Howard University, Morehouse College and Spelman College, invite advanced undergraduates from these three institutions to apply to the UCD-SPREE program to introduce undergraduates to poverty research.

The program will focus on developing skills leading to successful graduate school application and enrollment.

### Program Description

UCD-SPREE participants will travel to UC Davis during their first summer in the program, where they will be paired with a faculty mentor and introduced to research at the CPR.

While at UC Davis students will stay in student dorms and be provided a student meal plan for approximately 8 weeks. Participants' travel to and from UC Davis is also covered and they will receive a \$4,000 summer stipend.

Following their summer research experience, students will participate in CPR conferences and events, either returning to UC Davis or by teleconference.

### Eligibility

Students that meet the following criteria are encouraged to apply\*:

- Interest in research in the broad area of poverty and inequality
- Good academic standing
- Majoring in economics, psychology, sociology or education

\*Preference given to students in their junior year

### Activities

Students will work directly with an assigned UC Davis faculty mentor and graduate student on a defined poverty research project. In addition, students will participate in several workshops and seminars including:

- Presentations by CPR faculty on current poverty research
- A panel by CPR graduate students on the graduate school experience and graduate school application process
- A two-part workshop on writing for policy and the social sciences

Students will also have the opportunity to collaborate with the UC LEADS, McNair, and Sally Casanova Scholars and attend seminars sponsored by the UC Davis Office of Graduate Studies that include:

- Understanding the process to apply to graduate school
- How to write statements of purpose
- Delivering a scholarly presentation

### Application Information

Students will be selected by faculty from their home institution, in conjunction with the directors of CPR. Four to eight applications from each institution will be forwarded to CPR for final selection and match with faculty mentors.

### Applications are due November 13, 2015.

Students can apply online at:

[poverty.ucdavis.edu/UCDSPREE/application](http://poverty.ucdavis.edu/UCDSPREE/application)

A cohort of eight students with four additional alternates will be chosen from the three schools. Selected students will be contacted by CPR.

### About UC Davis

Davis is a vibrant college town of about 68,000 located in the heart of beautiful Northern California. The state capital is 15 minutes away, and world-class destinations such as the San Francisco Bay Area, Lake Tahoe and the Napa Valley are within a two-hour drive. The student-friendly, student-focused atmosphere that makes UC Davis one of the top 10 happiest college campuses in the United States (Newsweek and The Daily Beast College Rankings, 2011) extends to the surrounding city of Davis as well.



### Quotes from First Cohort of UCD-SPREE Students

*"It was a great experience. I learned a lot about the research process and made connections that will be beneficial for me in the future."*

*"My experience was amazing! The atmosphere that this program provided for me was very nurturing and exciting. I can't explain to you how appreciative I am of all the help."*

*"My overall experience was wonderful. I enjoyed the research experience and I believe that I am prepared to apply to graduate school."*

