

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

The Center for Poverty Research (CPR) at UC Davis 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. Students majoring in economics, psychology, sociology and education are encouraged to apply to the program which will focus on developing skills leading to successful graduate school application and enrollment. 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. Students will participate in CPR activities and coordinated graduate school preparation components sponsored by the Office of Graduate Studies. 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 UCD or by teleconference.

Students apply online and will be selected by faculty from their home institution, in conjunction with the directors of CPR. Four to eight applications from each HBCU will be forwarded to UCD's CPR for final selection and match with faculty mentors. A cohort of eight will be chosen from the three schools and 3-6 alternates will also be identified.

### Application Instructions & Required Documentation

In addition to completing the online form ([poverty.ucdavis.edu/UCDSPREE/application](http://poverty.ucdavis.edu/UCDSPREE/application)), please include all of the following documents when submitting your application to the UCD-SPREE program no later than **November 6, 2014**.

1. Statement of Program Interest, no more than two pages, double-spaced (approximately 600 words) – Please address the following:
  - a. What draws you to the topics of poverty and inequality? What ideas do you have about research in these areas?
  - b. Discuss how your interest in the UCD-SPREE Program may assist you in pursuing graduate school and a career in academia, policy, or related options.
  - c. How will the UCD-SPREE program benefit your academic undergraduate and graduate school plans?
  - d. Please share why you would be an ideal candidate for this program.
2. College-level writing sample. Please submit a college paper that is no more than five pages in length, double-spaced on a topic related to either one's major, minor or graduate study interests.
3. Copy of college/university transcripts; unofficial is fine
4. One letter of recommendation from a faculty member at home institution (to be sent directly from recommender to [povertycenter@ucdavis.edu](mailto:povertycenter@ucdavis.edu))

**Application Information**

- Last Name
- First Name

**Local Contact Information**

- Street Address
- City, State, Zip
- Cell phone
- Email

**Permanent contact information**

- Street Address
- City, State, Zip

**Academic Information**

- Undergraduate Major/s:
- Undergraduate Minor/s:

**Major Academic Honors and Awards (college only, 250 words max)**

- Honor/Award, Description

**Major Extracurricular and Volunteer Activities (college only, 250 words max)**

- Organization, Activity, Description

**Graduate Study Plans or Interest (100 words max)**

- In a brief paragraph please describe your potential field/s of graduate study.

**Faculty Recommender Contact Information**

- Name
- Title
- Organization
- Email

**UCD-SPREE Contact Information**

For more information, visit our website at [poverty.ucdavis.edu/UCDSPREE](http://poverty.ucdavis.edu/UCDSPREE) or contact the following UCD-SPREE program representatives:

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