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Deadline: January 10, 2018

Summer Program to Increase Diversity in Undergraduate Research

The Summer Program to Increase Diversity in Undergraduate Research (SPIDUR) is an 8-week summer program for high-achieving under-represented, first generation, or disabled undergraduate students, providing research experience and professional development training in their field of interest. These opportunities are not typically available in the undergraduate classroom. This learn-by-doing model places an emphasis on graduate education and allows the Scholars to put their experiential learning into practice, preparing them to excel in their future studies and research.

In addition to mentored research activities, scholars participate in weekly professional development training to build skills critical to professional success. Topics include: responsible conduct of research, developing a competitive research fellowship application, preparing an academic resume, professional communication tools, and a session on preparing for graduate school.

The program culminates with the Summer Research Symposia, where students participating in summer research programs on campus present their research results. The Summer Research Symposia is free and open to the public.

Summer scholars receive a stipend of \$4000 for the 8 weeks of the program. Housing will be provided, but space is limited. Travel to UNC Charlotte is not supported by the program. For further information, please contact advanceuncc@uncc.edu. The Charlotte Research Scholars are sponsored by the Division of Academic Affairs, Graduate School, and Charlotte Research Institute.

Eligibility: Undergraduates must have a minimum GPA of 2.8 and between 50 and 90 credit hours by the end of spring 2018. Students who graduate in spring 2018 are NOT eligible for the program - candidates must be enrolled in an undergraduate program from an institution other than UNC Charlotte to be eligible for SPIDUR.

Compensation: Scholars will receive a \$4000 fellowship (taxable income) and will be compensated for housing costs. Students will be housed on campus but must pay their housing fees directly to the Housing Office – The ADVANCE Office cannot handle this transaction on behalf of the program participants.