The Academic Research Consortium (ARC) Summer Program provides mentored research experiences in all disciplines to undergraduates at the junior level and graduate students at the master’s level who are seeking to gain experience and prepare for doctoral programs at UC Santa Barbara. ARC targets talented and motivated students from Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) in California who can benefit from additional academic support and career development.

The ARC Summer Program fosters and supports students in scholarly research endeavors to help them achieve their personal and professional goals as undergraduates and to prepare them for their next challenge.

Program Offerings

ARC Scholars embark upon a 7-week summer program of research and graduate school preparation guided by UCSB Graduate Division staff, faculty, and graduate student mentors. Scholars are matched individually with UCSB faculty and graduate student mentors who provide training and support. Scholars are provided with an excellent opportunity to explore their discipline, experience research, and improve their opportunities for future study in their chosen field.

- A 7-week summer research experience from June to August
- $4,000 summer program stipend
- Housing accommodations: Non-UCSB students are accommodated in University Housing; UCSB students receive $1500 housing stipend
- Weekly academic enrichment and professional development workshops
- Participation in end-of-summer symposium to present research work
- Preparation for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE)
Eligibility

- U.S. citizens or permanent residents
- AB540 students are eligible to apply
- Enrolled at a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) in California
- Priority consideration:
  - Groups underrepresented in higher education
  - Students from economically/educationally disadvantaged backgrounds
  - First generation to attend college
  - Non-traditional students
  - Individuals who have faced life challenges
- Completion of at least the junior year by June 2023, or be enrolled as a Masters student
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0

Annual Deadline
The ARC program application will be available online in February 2024.

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