



CENTER FOR AMERICAN POLITICS & CITIZENSHIP

CAPC Latino Research Fellowship

Program Description

The Center for American Politics and Citizenship (CAPC) has been granted funds by the Fund for Latino Scholarship at the American Political Science Association to hire two Research Fellows. The fellow should be interested and excited about the possibility of going to graduate school in a social science field. Preference will be given to those who are interested in pursuing graduate studies in political science and who are interested in issues of race and ethnicity. Fellowship applicants should have a strong undergraduate record (at least a 3.0 GPA), and should be committed to issues of diversity, inclusion, and social justice. The fellow will work with faculty, graduate, and other undergraduate students. The student should have completed a minimum of 30 credit hours (preferably 60). The selected fellow will be expected to work 10 hours a week and will be compensated at the rate of \$12 an hour.

CAPC Research Program Information

The CAPC Research Assistantship Program is for students interested in developing their research and professional skills as well as gaining a deeper understanding and appreciation of the study of political science. Research Assistants (RAs) are paired with a faculty member who directs their research for the semester as well as helping them develop a unique project based at least in part, on the research they are conducting on behalf of the faculty member. In addition, students are also assigned a graduate student to help mentor and guide them through the research process. RAs are also given formal training in writing, data analysis, public speaking/presentation skills, conducting academic research, and formulating cogent research questions.

Program Application

The following materials are required for the application (priority deadline August 25, 2017)

1. Cover letter with contact information, major, class standing, UID, and contact information of a professor who will serve as a reference.
2. A current unofficial transcript
3. One page resume of your educational and employment background. Courses relevant to American politics (or other political science field) and policy and educational experiences should be emphasized
4. A writing sample, such as a short paper.
5. A 500-700 word essay on the following question: *“How has increasing racial and ethnic diversity within the United States affected contemporary ideas of democracy? Has it expanded how we talk about the term? Contracted it? Or something else entirely?”*