

DESRE

Disparities Elimination Summer Research Experience

APPLICATION FORM

Application Deadline: January 15, 2016 by 5:00pm

WELCOME

We're glad you are interested in participating in the Disparities Elimination Summer Research Experience (DESRE) program and learning more about rural health and health disparities issues. DESRE is a 6-week summer research institute for undergraduate and graduate students that provides intensive, full-time, hands-on training in rural health and health disparities. The program is hosted by the Rural Health Research Institute at Georgia Southern University in collaboration with the Center for Rural Health and Health Disparities at Mercer University, and is funded through the National Institutes of Health/National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities grant number P20MD006901.

DESRE interns will deepen their knowledge of methodology, statistics, and special issues related to rural health and health disparities. In addition, students will receive course credit and participate in original research funded by the leading health research agency in the nation (NIH). Interns will also have the opportunity to build on their existing knowledge of scientific research.

Interns attend rural health and health disparities focused lectures, workshops, and classes, as well as actively engage with faculty in collaborative research to gain experience in working with communities to advance health. Peer mentoring is also provided from a student or recent graduate interested in rural health and health disparities. Travel costs and lodging for the duration of the summer program are covered by the program. Interns also receive compensation for their work on the research projects. Students are responsible for in-state tuition for 3 credit hours, as well as for their meals during the program. More information can be found in the program FAQs available at <http://GeorgiaSouthern.edu/RHRI/DESRE>

DESRE is a unique opportunity for students interested in furthering their education or pursuing a career focused on working in underserved areas. Interns gain skills and experience in community-focused rural health and health disparities research and outreach. We look forward to receiving your application.

If you have any questions, please contact DESRE@georgiasouthern.edu

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Please submit the following materials to DESRE@georgiasouthern.edu

1. DESRE Application Form (below)
2. Unofficial College Transcripts, both undergraduate and graduate (if applicable)
3. Unofficial SAT/ACT and/or GRE scores from the testing website (including score and percentile)
4. Resume
5. Cover Letter (see details below)
6. Two Recommendation Letters (submitted via email from the recommender directly to DESRE@georgiasouthern.edu)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

*Full Name: _____
Last *First* *M.I.*

*Address: _____
Street Address *Apartment/Unit #*

City *State* *ZIP Code*

*Email: _____ *Phone: _____

Gender (optional – for record keeping only): _____

Race/Ethnicity (optional – for record keeping only): _____

* = Required Field

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

*College: _____

*Address: _____
Street Address

City *State* *ZIP Code*

*Year Entered: _____ *Have you graduated? YES NO *Major: _____

*GPA: _____ *Current Status (e.g. sophomore, junior): _____

*Projected Graduation Date: _____ / _____
Month *Year*

*SAT or ACT Scores

SAT Verbal: _____ SAT Quantitative: _____ ACT Score: _____

SAT Verbal %ile: _____ SAT Quantitative %ile: _____ ACT Score %ile: _____

* = Required Field

GRADUATE EDUCATION (IF YOU ARE NOT A GRADUATE STUDENT, WRITE N/A ON THE FIRST LINE)

*College: _____

*Address: _____
Street Address

City *State* *ZIP Code*

*GPA: _____ *Projected Graduation Date: _____ / _____
Month *Year*

*Degree Program and Major: _____

*GRE Scores: _____ *GRE Percentiles: _____
Verbal Quantitative Verbal Quantitative

*Year in program: _____

* If obtaining a Doctorate degree, do you have a Master's degree? If so, what was your GPA _____

*What was your program of study for your Master's degree? _____

* = Required Field (Graduate Students)

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

* **Have you taken a statistics, research methods, or ethics class? Please check all that apply.**

- I have taken an undergraduate statistics course.
- I have taken an undergraduate research methods course.
- I have taken a graduate statistics course.
- I have taken a graduate research methods course.
- I have taken a course that included research ethics topics.
- I have NOT completed any type of research methods or statistics course.

* = Required Field

COVER LETTER

Within your cover letter, please let us know why you are interested in participating in the summer research program. Your response should be in the form of a brief essay that includes what would make you a good candidate for this program and how you might benefit by learning more through research in rural health and health disparities.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST

Thank you for your interest in DESRE!

We will be in contact once we have completed the selection process.

If you have any questions, please contact

DESRE@georgiasouthern.edu

By typing my name below, I validate that I am providing accurate information about myself for the DESRE application process. I understand that, if accepted into the program, DESRE requires an on-site 6-week summer commitment at Georgia Southern University.

*Typed Name: _____ *Date: _____