



Penn LDI Pathway Programs



SUMMER UNDERGRADUATE MENTORED RESEARCH PROGRAM (SUMR)

Full-Time Paid Summer Internships for Undergraduates in Health Services Research

SUMR, a twelve-week summer internship introduces promising undergraduates to health services research. The program aims at creating and promoting equal opportunities for students to conduct research in such fields as health economics, health care management, health policy, population health, and clinical epidemiology.



WHAT DO SUMR SCHOLARS DO?

- Work on research projects with Penn faculty mentors
- Hear about graduate school opportunities
- Participate in a six-month online GRE prep program
- Attend week-long orientation and 30 seminars with Penn faculty
- Attend the AcademyHealth 2024 Annual Research Meeting in Baltimore, MD
- Participate in an eight-week writing program
- Present research at End of SUMR Symposium

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors with an interest in health care and strong quantitative skills
- Historically underrepresented groups are given priority



GEARUP

Get Experience in Aging Research Undergraduate Program (GEAR UP)

For students interested in a longer-term engagement with the demography and economics of aging and health care, there is the Get Experience in Aging Research Undergraduate Program (GEAR UP), a 15-month sustained fellowship program for undergraduates from underrepresented backgrounds who are interested in a career involving aging research.



GEAR UP STRUCTURE

Summer I | June–August 2024: SUMR Program

Academic Year | September 2024–May 2025: The Monthly Meetings of GEAR UP Club, including skill building and professional development

Summer II | June–August 2025: Return to a research project and team, either Philadelphia or internationally to conduct field work.

GEAR UP PROGRAM

Those who wish to apply for GEAR UP should complete a SUMR application and indicate in the application form your desire to be considered for GEAR UP. Priority given to individuals from historically underrepresented backgrounds, including racialized minorities, LGBTQIA+, and disadvantaged backgrounds.



DEADLINE TO APPLY: February 1, 2024

Visit the SUMR and GEAR UP website at ldi.upenn.edu/sumr

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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