

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

About the Blum Center

The UCI Blum Center's mission is to promote social change and inspire the next generation of leaders to action with research on poverty alleviation.

Our research teams explore the systemic, geopolitical, technological and climate forces affecting poverty. We're passionate about our areas of expertise — the science and practice of compassion, the co-production of advanced computational modeling to mitigate flood risk, and the impacts of human trafficking and modern slavery — as well as our global partnerships addressing environmental peacebuilding and planetary health.

Read more about the Blum Center on our website: blumcenter.uci.edu

About the Fellowship

Who: Current UCI undergraduates at any level and from any school may apply. Prior research experience is not necessary. The ideal student is: curious about the research process, willing to learn and receive feedback, a good communicator, and a team player.

The Blum Center's research seeks to uncover and address a variety of human vulnerability, to social, environmental, and political challenges. Students should, therefore, be comfortable reading and discussing politically and socially challenging topics in a respectful, critical, and thoughtful manner.

What: In this position, students will be trained in essential research skills and contribute to ongoing research under the supervision of one of the Blum Center researchers. Students may also contribute to some of the communications and program planning elements of the Blum Center work to increase reach and engagement with Blum Center projects

Interested students may also have an opportunity to conduct their own research within the Blum Center's areas of expertise with mentorship from Blum Center researchers. Such projects may be eligible for UROP.

Students will need to be enrolled for 4 units of academic credit each quarter. Work expectations will align with [university policies for credit hours](#) (3 hours per week per unit) which amounts to an expected time commitment of 12 hours per week per quarter for the duration of the fellowship.

With advanced notice, this research fellowship may be used to fulfill Social Ecology Field Study requirements.

When: This 1 academic year position will begin in Fall 2023 and end in Spring 2024.

Because the fellowship is designed to build skills over time, students must be able to participate for the full 9 months to be eligible for the position.

Where: The position will be hybrid with some required in person meetings.

Application Information

- Early application deadline: **August 1, 2023.**
 - Applications will continue to be accepted until **October 3, 2023.**
- We expect to notify early applicants of decisions by August 15, while applicants submitting after the early application deadline will be notified of decisions prior to the Fall Week 2 enrollment deadline.

How to Apply: Interested students should follow the link below to the Google Form where they will be asked to answer several prompts and submit a resume/CV and a cover letter.

[Apply Here](https://forms.gle/DfM4qzQamVQz1xd7)

or, paste this link in your browser: <https://forms.gle/DfM4qzQamVQz1xd7>

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