

March 5, 2021

TO: All Faculty
FROM: Shaun Bowler
Dean, Graduate Division
RE: 2021 Mentoring Summer Research Internship Program (MSRIP)

I am inviting you to participate in the **Virtual 2021 Mentoring Summer Research Internship Program (MSRIP)**. The term of this summer's eight-week program will be **June 21 through August 13, 2021**. Students from the UC LEADS program will also participate under the MSRIP umbrella, which provides undergraduate students with research experience under the supervision of faculty mentors. A graduate student or postdoc may assist in the supervision and it is expected students placed in labs will be involved in lab meetings and colloquia. You can learn more about the program by visiting our web site: <https://graduate.ucr.edu/graduate-prep-programs>. Now in its 33rd year, this program has been a very important showcase for UCR to prospective graduate students.

Each faculty mentor will receive a research allowance for materials and supplies of \$500 per student they supervise. Applicant files will be sent for your review at the beginning of April for possible placement. Eligible students are those who will complete their sophomore or junior year by Spring 2021 or seniors who will be enrolled as new graduate students at UCR for Fall 2021 and who are first-generation college students, or who have experienced some cultural, linguistic, geographic, social, economic or educational disadvantage (or other hardship) which has limited their access to higher education.

Although there remain restrictions on undergraduates in labs we hope that students will be able to participate in lab meetings, journal clubs and be guided on the research and questions being asked by your research group. If you are able to accommodate a student in your lab remotely, I invite you to complete the [MSRIP Faculty Interest Form, 2021](#) form by March 31st 2021. Please note that your acknowledgement of a willingness to serve as a mentor does **not** obligate you in any way to do so - after you review prospective candidates, you can decide whether you wish to mentor a specific student or not. Thank you for considering this opportunity.

For further information on the program please contact Maria Franco-Gallardo, program director at: gdivma@ucr.edu.

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