



## CENTER FOR AMERICAN POLITICS & CITIZENSHIP

### **CAPC Latino Research Fellowship**

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 one Research Fellow to work on issues related to race and ethnicity in American politics.

The fellowship provides students with the opportunity to develop their research, analytical, writing and presentation skills. The fellow should be interested in and excited about the possibility of going to graduate school in a social science field, and preference will be given to those who are interested in pursuing graduate studies in political science.

The fellow will be compensated at the rate of \$12 an hour and will enroll in what is essentially an independent study course and receive 3 hours of experiential learning credit.

#### Requirements

- Strong interest in researching issues related to diversity, inclusion, and social justice
- A desire to gain and improve research skills
- Minimum 30 credit hours, 60 credit hours preferred
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- A completed independent study form, signed by your sponsoring professor before the drop/add date (not required with the application materials)
- The student must be of Latino background

*It's recommended that students have a sponsoring professor before applying, but not required.*

#### Benefits

- Receive training by a CAPC graduate student on the basics of how to conduct research and data analysis and how to use statistical programs and run basic statistics (descriptives, crosstabs, bivariate correlations, etc.)
- Work one-on-one with a faculty member and assist with his or her ongoing research.
- Strengthen your research, writing, and presentation skills by conducting your own research project, creating a poster, and presenting your findings to faculty and other guests at an end of semester symposium.
- Develop your analytical and research skills to improve your job prospects or graduate school application.
- Earn GVPT course credit
- Receive compensation for your research work

### Time Commitment

- The fellow is expected to work 10 hours per week doing research.
- For the first 5-6 weeks of the semester, approximately 2 hours a week will be reserved for training sessions with the CAPC graduate student and 8 hours will be spent on assigned research.
- In the last two-thirds of the semester, training sessions will be replaced with one-on-one appointments with the CAPC graduate assistant to address issues related specifically to the completion of the student's research project.

### Application Materials

- A cover letter detailing why you're interested in the Latino Research Fellowship, what you plan to research, and if you have a specific professor in mind to work with. The letter should also include contact information, major, class standing, UID, and contact for one academic reference
- A current unofficial transcript
- A one-page resume detailing educational and employment background that highlights courses and other experiences relevant to conducting research in political science
- A writing sample
- 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?"

The deadline to apply is 5 PM on August 24, 2018. Late applications will not be accepted.

Submit application materials to Rachel Vierling, CAPC Coordinator, via email at [rvierlin@umd.edu](mailto:rvierlin@umd.edu). Students with successful applications will be called for an interview with the CAPC Coordinator. Students will be notified of their acceptance to the program via email.