

The Arnhold Undergraduate Research Fellows Program

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The Arnhold Undergraduate Research Fellows Program is part of an initiative to help foster undergraduate research within the English Department. The program was made possible by a generous donation from John and Jody Arnhold. John Arnhold received his B.A. in English from UCSB in 1975; in a letter describing the terms of his gift to the school, he wrote that he is “particularly interested in ensuring [his] support enhances teaching and integrating the undergraduate teaching and research experience.” With this vision in mind, the Arnhold Undergraduate Research Fellows Program is designed to aid and encourage English majors who want to conduct research beyond the level of ordinary course assignments.

The program provides the opportunity for qualified English majors to receive extra guidance and assistance as they pursue their research goals. The Fellows will benefit from one-on-one research mentoring from the Arnhold Graduate Fellow, special workshops and panels designed to address questions about research, graduate school, etc., and the opportunity to present their research professionally, both by participating in an end-of-year Research Showcase, and by having their work published in an online English Department journal.

Successful performance in the Program leads to graduating with the designation of “Arnhold Undergraduate Research Fellow.” *This program is especially recommended for students who plan to pursue a graduate degree in literary studies.*

Students should apply to the program in the fall of their junior year. (During the 2009-2010 academic year, students may also apply in the fall of their senior year.) English majors who have completed the sophomore year with a minimum GPA of 3.5 (overall and in the major) may apply for admission to the Arnhold Undergraduate Research Fellows Program. The application includes:

- An application form available from the English Department Office.
- A brief statement of interest indicating why you are applying for the Arnhold Program (½ - 1 page).
- A writing sample (no more than ten pages); it is recommended that you submit work originally written for an English course.
- A letter (or e-mail) of endorsement from a faculty member who is familiar with your work. (This requirement is waived in the case of students who have already received faculty nominations; all students who have received such nominations will be notified.)

In order to graduate as an “Arnhold Undergraduate Research Fellow,” students must complete the following requirements:

- Attend at least one monthly Arnhold lunch (which will allow Fellows to meet faculty working in their areas of research).
- Attend at least three Arnhold workshops or panels over the course of the year.
- Maintain a GPA of 3.5 or higher in English (in the overall major and the upper division).
- Participate in an end-of-year research presentation: either the Arnhold Research Showcase or one of the conferences sponsored by the centers and specializations.
- Arnhold Fellows are also encouraged (although not required) to attend functions hosted by the Department’s centers and specializations.

Applications for the Program must be submitted by November 15 in the Fall of 2009. The undergraduate staff advisor will notify applicants of their acceptance after the Arnhold Committee has reviewed their applications. The review process should take no more than two weeks.

UCSB DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO
THE ARNHOLD UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWS PROGRAM

Student name: _____ Perm. number: _____

Class standing (Jr., Sr.) _____ When do you expect to graduate (quarter, year)? _____

Local address: _____

Local telephone number: _____ Email address: _____

To be filled out by the Undergraduate Adviser:

Cumulative GPA: _____ Major GPA: _____

The application for the Arnhold Undergraduate Research Fellows Program must include also include:

- A brief statement of interest indicating why you are applying for the Arnhold Program (½ - 1 page).
- A writing sample (no more than ten pages); it is recommended that you submit work originally written for an English course.
- A letter (or e-mail) of endorsement from a faculty member who is familiar with your work. (This requirement is waived in the case of students who have already received faculty nominations; all students who have received such nominations will be notified.)

The application is considered complete when the Undergraduate Staff Adviser has received this cover form and all supplementary materials. The Arnhold Program Committee will review the application and will determine the student's admission to the Arnhold Undergraduate Research Fellows Program.

All application materials are due by November 15, 2009.

Student's signature: _____ Date: _____