

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” (for one year’s participation) and “Arnhold Undergraduate Research Mentor” (for the second year’s participation). This program is especially recommended for students who plan to apply to professional school or to graduate school in the humanities.

Applying:

Students should apply to the program in the fall of their junior year (seniors may also be eligible). English majors who have completed 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 or online at arnholdpram.wordpress.com.
- 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.

Applications for the Program must be submitted by October 28 in the Fall quarter. The Arnhold Graduate Fellow will notify applicants of their acceptance after the Arnhold Committee has reviewed their applications. The review process should take no more than two weeks.

In order to satisfy the requirements of the Arnhold Undergraduate Fellows Program, students must fulfill the following terms:

First Year:

- Maintain a GPA of 3.5 or higher in English (in the overall major and the upper division).
- Attend the Arnhold Program welcome event in the fall quarter and three of four colloquia per quarter in both the Winter and Spring quarters (for a total of 7 events throughout the year).
- Participate in the Arnhold Research Showcase at the end of the year.
- Juniors are also invited (but not required) to submit a research paper to be published in the online journal.

Completion of these requirements will earn the student the designation of “Arnhold Undergraduate Research Fellow.”

Second Year:

- Maintain a GPA of 3.5 or higher in English (in the overall major and the upper division).
- Create a final portfolio, which might include some of the following, depending on each fellow’s professional goals: a research paper, a digital humanities project, a creative writing project, a podcast, a video.
- Some or all of these elements should be submitted to *Emergence*.
- Assist with editing and producing the online journal, *Emergence*, released in the Fall of each year, or the department’s literary magazine, *Catalyst*.
- Participate in writing workshops with fellow second years, working towards final portfolio projects
- Attend 2 (of 3) workshops or colloquia each quarter; second-year workshops are geared towards professionalization, preparing fellows for graduate school and careers in the creative professions.
- Seniors are invited (but not required) to participate in the Arnhold Research Showcase at the end of the year.

Completion of these requirements will earn the student the additional designation of “Arnhold Undergraduate Research Associate.”

All 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 in hard copy to the English Undergraduate Advisor’s office. Please contact the Undergraduate Advisor for information concerning due dates. The Graduate Fellow 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 Advisor:

Cumulative GPA: _____ *Major GPA:* _____

The application for the Arnhold Undergraduate Research Fellows Program must 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.

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 Friday, October 28, 2016 to the department's Undergraduate Advisor:

Brian C. Ernst
SOUTH HALL 3432-B
by 4:00pm

Student's signature: _____ Date: _____