

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 two-year 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, an organized private luncheon with a faculty member who specializes in each fellow's area of interest, 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 a Research Showcase, and by having their work published in an online English Department journal. Second-year fellows will have the opportunity to act as "mentors," and will have the opportunity to act as reviewers, editors or research assistants for the program 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 pursue a graduate degree in literary studies.*

Students should apply to the program in the fall of their junior year. (In special cases, students may apply in the fall of their senior year and participate only in the program's first-year track.) 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.

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

Junior Year:

- Maintain a GPA of 3.5 or higher in English (in the overall major and the upper division).
- 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.
- Participate in a research presentation: either the Arnhold Research Showcase or one of the conferences sponsored by the centers and specializations.
- 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."**

Senior Year:

- Maintain a GPA of 3.5 or higher in English (in the overall major and the upper division).
- Serve the Arnhold program in one of the following ways:
 - Assist with editing the online journal.
 - Assist with the research database.
 - Act as mentor to juniors in the program.
- Submit a research paper to be published in the online journal.
- Seniors are also invited (although not required) to participate in a research presentation: either the Arnhold Research Showcase or one of the conferences sponsored by the centers and specializations.
- **Completion of these requirements will earn the student the additional designation of "Arnhold Undergraduate Research Mentor."**

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 3432-B South Hall, the English Undergraduate Advisor's office, by **October 7th** in the fall of 2011. 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

APPLICATION DUE 10/7/11
SOUTH HALL 3432-B

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 (1/2 - 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 October 7th, 2011.

Student's signature: _____ Date: _____