

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, careers related to the English degree, and professionalization; 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 graduate school or professional school and/or intend on pursuing a career related to their English degree.

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.
- 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 27 in the Fall quarter. 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.

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

First Year Requirements:

- Attend at least three Arnhold workshops or panels in each of the Winter and Spring quarters.
- Maintain a GPA of 3.5 or higher in English (in the overall major and the upper division).
- Participate in the Arnhold Research Showcase, which takes place at the end of the Spring quarter. Each student must prepare a poster illustrating their research, and informally present their research and conclusions during the duration of the event.
- Juniors are encourage (though not required) to submit a research article to be published in the online journal.

Completion of these requirements will result in the student receiving the designation of “Arnold Undergrad Research Fellow.”

Second Year Requirements:

- 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, Brian Ernst, 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 Adviser:

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 October 27, 2017 at 4:00pm to the department's Undergraduate Advisor, Brian Ernst, in South Hall 3432B.

Student's signature: _____ Date: _____