SUMMER RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM AT OHIO STATE (SROP) - APPLICATION ADVICE

Overview Of OSU SROP
SROP is designed to help underrepresented undergraduates explore opportunities for earning a Doctoral Degree (Ph.D.). Over the course of 9 weeks this summer, OSU SROP participants will conduct research with a faculty mentor, and participate in several activities and seminars crucial to preparation for graduate school. SROP includes workshops on research skills, seminars on topics related to graduate education, and professional development events.

Advice On Applying
When applying to OSU SROP for the summer of 2014, we recommend:
• Apply to the program early; we review applications on a rolling basis, beginning in November
• Submit all applications materials in advance of the deadlines—letters, transcripts, resume, CV
  o Request letters of recommendation well in advance of the submission deadlines.
  o CIC SROP Application Deadline is February 10, 2014
• Personal Statement should discuss:
  o Your interest in pursuing a graduate degree
  o Steps you have taken to prepare for graduate school
  o Why you choose your area of study
  o Your career goals
  o Key factors shaping your academic pursuits
• Statement of Research Interest should discuss:
  o Research interests
  o Research experience and training
  o Relevant academic coursework
  o Why you seek to conduct research
  o What you would like to do in the future with your research

OSU SROP Interview
Our selection process requires applicants to complete a brief phone interview. After reviewing an applicant’s materials, the applicant may be contacted to schedule an interview. Please note not all applicants will be interviewed. To prepare for the interview, you should:
• Review any information and material we have provided you
• Visit the websites of OSU Departments and programs you are interested in working with over the summer
• Seek out assistance for preparing for interviews from your school’s career planning resources
• Be prepared to have the interview in a quiet and comfortable location.
• Be sure to respond to any and all email and phone messages in a timely and professional manner

For More Information:
If you have any questions about SROP at OSU please do not hesitate to contact us by email: gradrecruit@osu.edu or by phone: 614.247.6377. Please also visit the CIC SROP website for more information: www.cic.net/home/students/srop/home.aspx.