

Apply for the GSEF during your sophomore year to spend a summer learning more about graduate programs in the humanities, humanistic social sciences, or arts at one of the following institutions.

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The Graduate School Exploration Fellowship (GSEF) provides an inside look at what it takes to pursue a career in teaching and research at a college like yours!



During the summer between your junior and senior year, you'll explore the world of academia and work with faculty and graduate student mentors at a top-ranked research university.

The Graduate School Exploration Fellowship (GSEF) offers you opportunities to:

- Engage in research and projects in the humanities, humanistic social sciences, or arts at a major research institution
- Present your research at an academic conference in Chicago
- Participate in enrichment workshops and activities with ACM faculty mentors during the academic year
- Qualify for additional funding for scholarly activities and visits to graduate schools during your senior year
- Gain valuable experience to enhance your application to graduate programs
- Network with GSEF students from other ACM colleges

Additional benefits and compensation:

- \$3,500 stipend for the summer research experience (typically 8–10 week program)
- Housing in university facilities during summer research experience
- Round-trip airfare or mileage to summer research institution included
- Participation in two Annual Summits (housing, travel, meals)
- Receive up to \$250 during both junior and senior year to cover the costs of related scholarly activities
- Receive an additional \$1,000 during senior year to cover costs of applying to and visiting graduate programs

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility for the GSEF is limited to sophomores from historically underrepresented groups in higher education (including African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, other Pacific Islanders, and first-generation students), and those who have followed non-traditional pathways to college due to exceptional talent and motivation in the face of adversity, such as societal, economic, or academic disadvantages.

Sophomore applicants must also meet the following criteria:

- US citizen, permanent resident of the US, or non-US citizen with DACA
- Sophomore standing (and planning to spend the following two years as an undergraduate)
- A strong interest in pursuing a doctoral degree in the humanities or humanistic social sciences, or a terminal master's degree in the arts. Please note that this does NOT include programs leading to professional degrees, e.g. medical school (M.D.), law school (J.D.) or business school (MBA).
- A genuine interest in academic research and/or teaching at the college level as a career

GRADUATE SCHOOL EXPLORATION FELLOWSHIP TIMELINE

SOPHOMORE YEAR	FIRST SUMMER	JUNIOR YEAR	SECOND SUMMER	SENIOR YEAR
APPLY DURING WINTER/SPRING TERMS	ATTEND ANNUAL SUMMIT	MEET REGULARLY WITH FACULTY MENTOR(S)	SUMMER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	APPLY TO AND VISIT GRADUATE SCHOOLS
		ATTEND WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS	PRESENT AT ANNUAL SUMMIT	