Opportunities for Research & Scholarships in Political Science, Law & International Affairs
Fall 2017

This is a sample – other opportunities may be announced later – keep looking!
If you are considering applying for any of these opportunities, discuss them with your political science professors as early as possible before the deadline.

APSA Ralph Bunche summer institute
Purpose & benefits: summer institute for students who are considering graduate studies in political science, for minorities and those interested in conducting research on issues affecting minorities. Expenses and stipend paid.
Deadline: early January 19, 2018
Place to watch for information: http://www.apsanet.org/rbsi-apply

American Bar Foundation Summer Research Diversity Fellows in Law and Social Sciences
Purpose: For students interested in pursuing graduate studies in social sciences. Last year $3600; located in Chicago. For sophomores and juniors
Deadline: Feb. 15, 2018
http://www.americanbarfoundation.org/research/Fellowshipopportunities/SummerResearchDiversityFellowsinLawandSocialScience.html

State Department Internships (summer and other times of year)
Purpose: boost interest in foreign service careers by giving hands-on experiences in US consulates or in State Dept in Washington DC; special interest in diversifying participation.
This year's deadlines: Oct 15 for summer 2018; March 1 for fall 2019; July 1, 2018 for spring 2019.
web site: careers.state.gov/intern/student-internships

ICPSR Summer Internship in Social Science Research
Purpose: 10 week program includes training in data management, problem analysis, summer grad-level courses in statistics. In past years, $4,000 stipend.
Deadline: (not yet announced as of 11/1/2017)
http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/content/ICPSR/internship/

Leadership Alliance Summer Research Early Identification Institute
Purpose: 8 week summer research institute for underrepresented groups in academia. Some programs specifically for Humanities and Social Sciences. Programs at 22 universities. Apply to up to three host universities. Receive room and board and stipend.
This year's deadline: Feb 1
http://theleadershipalliance.org/programs/summer-research

UC Riverside Summer Mentoring Program
Purpose: To increase diversity of students pursuing doctoral degrees in California universities.
Deadline: not yet announced as of 11/1/2017
http://graduate.ucr.edu/msrip.html
Charles B. Rangel Summer Enrichment Program
Purpose: 6 week program for students with interest in pursuing a career in International Affairs, held at Howard University, for students from under-represented backgrounds
Deadline: Feb 1 2018
http://www.rangelprogram.org/summer-enrichment-program/

SORP Multiple Universities
Purpose: promoting diversity in higher education, for students seriously considering graduate school for research degrees. All STEM fields. Search under “SORP” for more information, and check if there is a social science option.
Example: University of Iowa; University of Maryland
Deadlines: vary
Iowa: https://www.grad.uiowa.edu/ogi/srop
   Deadline: March 2, 2018
Maryland: http://www.bsos.umd.edu/diversity/summer-research-initiative
   Deadline Feb. 10, 2018
Illinois: http://grad.uic.edu/summer-research-opportunities-program-undergraduates
   Deadline: Feb. 17, 2018

Rutgers Undergraduate Summer Institute (RIse)
Purpose: primarily for under-represented groups, for science and engineering, including social science
Deadline: Nov 1, rolling admissions, selection starts Jan 1
http://rise.rutgers.edu/riseinfo.php#eligibility

PPIA Junior Summer Institutes
Purpose: 7 week summer program to prepare students for graduate study and careers in public and international affairs. Goal is to encourage more diverse perspectives in public service, including from economically disadvantaged. Institutes held at 4 universities. Small stipend and costs paid.
Deadline: Nov. 1, 2018
http://www.ppiaprogram.org/ppia/what-we-do/junior-summer-institutes/junior-summer-institutes/

UH Funded Research Opportunities

UH SURF (Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship)
Purpose & benefit: 10 week independent research program; $3500 stipend.
Last year’s deadline: mid March
What you will need: independent project proposal (may be working with faculty member in area of his/her interest), faculty member who agrees to sponsor you and work with you
http://www.uh.edu/honors/undergraduate-research/uh-research/surf/

UH PURS (Provost’s Undergraduate Research Fellowship)
Purpose: Juniors and Seniors participate in a research project in spring semester. Receive $1000 stipend.
This year’s deadline: November 29, 2018
http://uh.edu/honors/undergraduate-research/uh-research/purs/index.php
Note: these programs are coordinated by the Honors College, but you don’t need to be in the Honors College to participate.