



Cornell University

Ithaca, NY

Leadership Alliance Summer Research Program

June 6, 2010 – August 6, 2010

The Leadership Alliance

- 33 institutions of higher education that provide summer research opportunities for underrepresented students
- Students spend 8–10 weeks working with a faculty or research mentor at a participating institution

Cornell's Program:

(What we expect, and what you can look forward to)

- Must be interested in pursuing a PhD
- Must be in good academic standing, with a GPA > 3.0
- Must have completed at least 4, but no more than 7, collegiate semesters
- Must be a US Citizen

Our program consists of 9 weeks on the Cornell campus, working under the guidance of a faculty or research mentor on a specific research project

- Located in beautiful central New York, overlooking the city of Ithaca (approximately 220 miles northwest of NYC)

- Participants receive a stipend of \$3,000, plus \$1,000 to cover living expenses. The program will provide housing on campus and pay for travel to and from Ithaca.
- Various guest and faculty speakers, weekly lunches with guest speakers, fun trips, social events with other undergraduates, graduate students, and faculty. Participants will travel to the Leadership Alliance National Symposium to present their research.

Previous Research Areas of Alums

Cornell's program is unique. Students in our cohort conduct research in numerous areas. Some recent fields include:

Molecular Biology & Genetics	Microbiology & Immunology
Human Development	Chemical & Biomolecular
Social Psychology	Engineering
Biomedical Engineering	Neurobiology & Behavior
Archeology	Biomedical Sciences (Vet)
Development Sociology	Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering
Chemistry & Chemical Biology	Sociology
Microbiology	Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
Romance Studies	Nutritional Sciences

Where Do Our Alums Go?

We are pleased that a number of our summer program alums have chosen Cornell for their graduate work. Currently we have nine previous summer scholars in PhD programs here at Cornell. Overall, 40% of our previous summer scholars have gone on to PhD programs at some of the top institutions in the country. Some of them are:

Washington University, St. Louis	Champaign
University of Chicago	Purdue
University of Illinois at Urbana-	University of Maryland, College Park

Yale University
UC Santa Barbara
UC Berkeley

University of North Carolina
New York University

Some Quick Hints

We want students to have a meaningful research experience. While we have faculty who do research in a number of areas, we do not have clinical medicine, clinical psychology or social work opportunities on our Ithaca campus. Our medical school campus is located in New York City.

In general, our faculty prefer students with some research experience, if not, at least coursework that demonstrates an interest in a field of study. Preference is given to rising Junior and Senior applicants.

Other Links of Interests

*Weill Cornell Medical College Gateways to the Laboratory Summer Program
(Rising Sophomores & Juniors with interest in MD/PhD career path):

<http://www.med.cornell.edu/mdphd/summerprogram/>

*Access Summer Research Program @ Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences: <http://weill.cornell.edu/gradschool/summer/index.html>

*Cornell Summer Programs:

<http://www.gradschool.cornell.edu/index.php?p=146>

For More Information

- The Leadership Alliance:
www.theleadershipalliance.org
- Cornell's Summer Program:
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