

VISITATION & PRESENTATIONS ON THE HILLTOP

SEPTEMBER 20-22, 2009 WASHINGTON, DC

In cooperation with the Atlantic-Coast Social Behavioral and Economic Sciences AGEP. Funded by the National Science Foundation

Howard University is the nation's only historically black college/university (HBCU) classified by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as a comprehensive doctoral research university- high activity. Building upon the legacy of academic excellence, our SBES departments continue to produce graduates who become national and international leaders in academia and in the public and private sectors. Sponsored by a grant from the National Science Foundation, the Visitation and Showcase are a part of an initiative to increase the number of underrepresented minorities who pursue the Ph.D. and the professoriate.

Important deadlines: 9/3/09 (Visitation Program Application) & 9/8/09 (Research Abstract Submission).

VISITATION PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The **Visitation Program** is designed to expose students with stellar academic performance to the advantages of attending graduate school at Howard University. We welcome undergraduate students interested in graduate studies in the SBES (Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences) disciplines. Program participants with interests in sociology, non-clinical psychology, political science, and economics will gain firsthand exposure to graduate education at Howard University.

During the visitation program, students will:

- visit research centers and graduate departments;
- network with graduate students, faculty, and leading researchers;
- learn about the admission process and various funding opportunities to finance their graduate education; and
- experience a sampling of life at Howard University and in Washington DC.

Please note that acceptance to this program does not guarantee acceptance to Howard University. However, participation in the program places students on the inside track for acceptance due to opportunities to interact with admission staff and financial aid decision makers.

PRESENTATIONS ON THE HILLTOP

Presentations on the Hilltop is an event sponsored, in collaboration by the Program in Undergraduate Research. It is envisaged that this event will enhance and maintain the interest of undergraduate students in critical thinking processes and promote higher order thinking skills.

°All undergraduate students who have had any research experience are invited to submit abstracts to be considered for presentation at this event.

°Applicants will be assigned to make a research poster or oral presentation.

°All Howard students whose abstracts are accepted for presentation at Presentations on the Hilltop will be eligible to receive travel awards to attend the regional or national conference of their choice.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must be in their junior or senior year and have a minimum 3.2 GPA.
- Applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States and a member of an underrepresented racial/ethnic group (African American, Hispanic/Latino, American Indian, Pacific Islander, and Alaskan Native).
- Applicants must display a committed interest in graduate studies and will be accepted for the Visitation based upon Howard University departmental assessments. Priority will be given to applicants who submit abstracts for Presentations on the Hilltop.



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APPLICATION PROCESS

Please submit all signed materials via email to: sbes@howard.edu, by fax to: 202-986-0335 or by mail to: The Graduate School, Howard University, 2395 6th Street NW, Washington DC 20059 Attn: Visitation & Research Day

STEP 1: Submit the student info sheet available at http://www.gs.howard.edu/sbe/Student_InfoSheet.doc

STEP 2: Submit an unofficial transcript, a list of 3 references, and a career goal statement.

STEP 3: Students in McNair, the Leadership Alliance, or HBCU-UP should also request from their program director a letter expressing support of their application. If you are not a member of these programs no additional letter is required.

STEP 4: We highly recommend that students submit a formal application to the Howard University Graduate School. The application fee will be waived. The application is available at <http://www.gs.howard.edu/admissions/default.htm>.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- The Atlantic Coast Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP) will pay for hotel accommodation, meals, and the roundtrip transportation for program participants.

GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACTS

All abstract submissions must be completed by close of business on Monday, September 8, 2008.

Please go to <http://www.gs.howard.edu/sbe> for submission forms. Please complete both the "Abstract Submission Form" and the "Registration Form." Abstracts should be submitted via email to sbes@howard.edu. If not included via fax a printed and signed copy of both forms should also be submitted via fax to: 202 -986-0335

Abstracts must include the title of the presentation, all co-authors, and a brief description of the research. Refer to the Abstract Sample for further details.

Only one student may present each presentation.

The title, list of authors and abstract can NOT exceed 2500 characters (including spaces).

All abstracts must be reviewed and approved by a research mentor, program director or a Howard University faculty member prior to submission.

NOTIFICATION LETTERS

All notifications of abstract decisions will be sent by September 14, 2009 via email to the presenting author. Please, ensure that accurate email addresses are listed on the abstract submission form.

PRESENTATION INFORMATION

Applicants will be assigned to make a research poster or oral presentation.

Complimentary poster printing will be provided. Pushpins and thumbtacks will be provided for your convenience. The size of the poster must be limited to 3' x 4'.

Additional guidelines for oral presentations and poster submission will be provided with acceptance letters.