





GSAS-Leadership Alliance  
2013 Summer Research Program  
for Students from Historically Underrepresented Groups  
June 2–August 3, 2013

## Summer Research Program Application Form

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

High School: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (City) (State) (Country)

Race/Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_

Are you the first in your family to attend college? Yes  No

Have you or your family qualified for federal need-based aid? Yes  No

Have you received federal or state educational grants and/or loans that are need-based as an undergraduate?  
If yes, list all. Yes  No

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**Have you filed a FAFSA?** (*Free Application for Federal Student Aid* is the federal government's instrument for calculating need-based funding used to apply for federal and state financial aid (for United States citizens and Permanent Residents only).

Yes  No

Aside from federal work-study, have you worked while enrolled in classes to cover your educational and basic living expenses? If yes, list positions and average hours per week:

\_\_\_\_\_

What is your undergraduate debt obligation to date from educational student loans? \_\_\_\_\_

The Graduate School defines historically underrepresented groups as those that have overcome challenges or hardships related to race, ethnicity, culture, socioeconomic background, family history of post-baccalaureate opportunity, gender, sexual orientation, and disability. Please describe below how your background relates to any of those experiences:

By signing below, you certify that all the information on this form is true and complete.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_



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**LETTER OF EVALUATION AND WAIVER FORM**

(Please duplicate for faculty recommenders)

**TO THE APPLICANT**

Please give this form to two professors/faculty advisors, along with an envelope marked "Evaluation Letter." **Ask the recommenders to include this form and their letter in a sealed envelope with their signature across the seal. You may include the sealed envelopes in your Columbia application package, or you may ask the recommenders to mail it to the address listed on the bottom of this page.** Do not open the envelopes or break the seals. Submit the sealed envelopes containing your letters of evaluation and the waiver forms with your completed application package by **February 22, 2013 (5:00 p.m.)**. **Faxed applications are not accepted. Students who complete a Leadership Alliance Application by the Alliance's Feb. 1 deadline do not need to submit duplicates of their transcripts or letters of recommendation. No late submissions will be considered.**

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<b>Last name</b>	<b>First name</b>	<b>Middle</b>
Department or Program		
Name of Academic Sponsor		

*Under the Family Education Rights & Privacy Act of 1974 (Buckley Amendment), which gives registered students the right to inspect and review their educational records, students may waive their right to see specific confidential statements and letters of evaluation. In the belief that recommenders may wish to preserve the confidentiality of those evaluations, we are giving you—the student—an opportunity to sign one of the following statements:*

<p><b>I waive my right to examine this letter.</b></p> <p>Please check <input type="checkbox"/></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">(student signature)</p>	<p><b>I do not waive my right to examine this letter.</b></p> <p>Please check <input type="checkbox"/></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">(student signature)</p>
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*Note: If the applicant requesting this evaluation has signed neither of the statements above, this letter will be available for the applicant's examination.*

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**\*\*\*\*\*TO THE ACADEMIC ADVISOR**

How long have you known the applicant, and in what capacity?

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How would you rate the applicant's overall preparation and aptitude for this program?

Top 5%       Top 10%       Top 25%       Top 50%       Below 50%

This form is submitted to you for an opinion of the applicant's undergraduate work. In a **separate letter**, we ask that you discuss the applicant's abilities, progress, and scholarly potential. Please seal and sign the back of the envelope, and return the evaluation to the applicant or forward it to the GSAS Office of Diversity, Low Memorial Library, 535 W. 116th St., Rm. 102, MC 4304, Columbia University, New York, NY 10027 by the February 22 deadline. Please note that The Graduate School will not review application files that are incomplete on February 22.

<hr/> <b>Signature</b>	<hr/> <b>Name (print)</b>
<hr/> <b>Title</b>	<hr/> <b>Department</b>
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