UROC-PREP and STAR are year-round undergraduate research and graduate preparation programs for underrepresented students interested in graduate education (Master’s or PhD)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

SPRING 2016: Students begin the program in the spring semester and enroll in a 3 unit reading and writing intensive course. All students must attend GRAD 492: Directed Research, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:00 am to 9:15 am (no exceptions)

SUMMER 2016: Students work with a UA faculty mentor on a small scale research project in their field of study; complete a written research report, research poster, and oral presentation; are paid a $4,000 summer research stipend; complete GRE preparation and testing; have their abstract published in the UROC Abstract Review and more. For the summer, a full-time commitment to all activities is expected of all students (no exceptions)

FALL 2016: Students are registered for a 1 unit graduate school preparation course, complete and submit applications to graduate school. For fall, all students must attend GRAD 496A: The Graduate School Application Process, Fridays, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm (no exceptions)

UROC-PREP and STAR ELIGIBILITY

• These programs are open to students of all disciplines, including social science, humanities, fine arts, and STEM.
• You must be interested in pursuing a graduate degree (Master’s or PhD)
• You must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0+.
• You must be a continuing UA junior or senior:
  o With a graduation date of December 2016 or May 2017
  o AND planning to apply to graduate school in fall 2016.
• The programs are for students who come from backgrounds that are underrepresented in graduate education. In your online UROC application, you will be asked to explain how the group to which you belong is considered underrepresented in graduate education.

APPLICATION PROCESS

• The UROC on-line application is at: www.grad.arizona.edu/UROC
• The application deadline for UROC-PREP and STAR is 5:00 pm, November 15, 2015

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UROC is committed to helping students make the most of their undergraduate education and successfully enter and complete graduate studies.

The types of experiences that help students achieve success in the job market upon graduation are the same as those that help them gain admission into graduate and professional schools and also nationally competitive programs. Before deciding the next move, it’s important to plan.

Ask yourself the tough questions. Who am I? What are my skills? What do I like? What do I want to do?

Always strive to do well academically. Your GPA matters, especially at the beginning of your career. But what really matters is the depth and breadth of your knowledge and skills and your ability to apply and adapt that foundation to practical problems in your life and work over a lifetime.

Utilize the resources available to you. It’s good to start with your friends and parents, and even Google. But don’t stop there. Get to know your advisers and faculty members, and let them get to know you.

Explore your interests by setting goals for yourself and seeking internships and research experiences. Again, this is about you and what you like and what you want to do with your life. It is likely that you will meet more professionals at the UA than you will ever meet in one place again who care about your individual success and are trained in and passionate about helping you achieve your goals.

Intentionally explore occupations, fields of study and work. How could you ever possibly know what exists out there for you if you do not explore?

We frequently share admission tips, funding announcements, and program opportunities through social media.