



Summer 2020 MPC Diversity Program

Call for Proposals

We are seeking faculty and research staff members to co-lead research projects and serve as mentors for the MPC Summer Diversity Fellowship Program. This program recruits University of Minnesota undergraduate and graduate students from historically underrepresented groups (including, but not limited to, African Americans, American Indians, Hispanic/Latino/a Americans, Asian Americans, first generation college students, women-identified folx in tech fields, LGBTQ folx, and folx with disabilities)* to work on MPC research projects. Each project will involve a collaboration between an MPC Faculty Member, an ISRDI Research Scientist, and two Diversity Fellows (one graduate student and one undergraduate student). The Diversity Fellowships run 10 weeks from **June 8 to August 14**, culminating in a presentation of the research project on the final day.

Program Benefits:

We are looking for proposals for projects that would benefit our fellows and the faculty and staff mentors. For selected projects, MPC covers the cost of the fellowships (i.e., the students' stipends) and in return the faculty and staff members provide mentorship to the Fellows. MPC Diversity Leadership will promote, recruit, and assist with interviewing of potential students. The program provides professional and multi-cultural development opportunities for each student.

Mentoring Requirements:

Mentors should plan to be in residence for the majority of the 10-week summer fellowship period and must be available for regular meetings with their team during the summer, and occasional mentor cohort meetings starting in May. Mentors should also be available for their team's research presentation at the MPC Diversity Fellows Colloquia on August 14.

Proposal Requirements:

Proposals should not exceed two pages in length and should include a research project description, a description of the expected role/workload for the student fellows (20 hours/week), a one-paragraph mentoring plan, and a one-paragraph diversity statement. For faculty applicants: if you have an ISRDI Research Scientist you would like to work with, please identify the individual in your proposal; for staff applicants: if you have an MPC Faculty Member you would like to work with, please identify the individual in your proposal. If you do not have a co-mentor identified, we will work with you upon selection to identify the best fit. All proposals must be received by 8:00AM on Monday, January 27, 2020. MPC Diversity Fellowship Leadership will select projects for the Diversity Fellowship Program by early February and begin promoting the Fellowships and accepting student applications in mid-February. We handle the initial screening of student applicants, and you to take part in the final selection for your project.

For more information on the Diversity Fellowship Program, visit the Diversity at MPC webpage at <https://pop.umn.edu/about/diversity>. See examples of past faculty-led Diversity Fellowship projects [here](#).

Selection Criteria: Projects will be reviewed based on intellectual merit, appropriate fit for the 10-week timeframe, and mentorship plans. Preference will be given to early career faculty members (before tenure), to projects using IPUMS data, to mentors with diverse identities, and first time Diversity Fellowship mentors.

Who Can Apply: Any MPC faculty or research staff member

Due Date: 8:00AM Monday, January 27, 2020

Proposal Length: One to two pages, one inch margins, minimum size 11 font

Program Dates: 10 weeks, starting in early June 2019 (undergraduate program begins late June)

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*Non-American citizens are welcome to apply. All participants must have the eligibility work in the US during the summer.