



Summer 2021 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/Latinx 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 7 to August 13**, culminating in a presentation of the research project on the final day. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and building on the successful model we created for the summer of 2020, we will once again run this program 100% virtually in 2021.

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 potential students. The program provides professional and multi-cultural development opportunities for each student.

Mentoring Requirements:

Mentors 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 13.

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 12:00N on Monday, January 25, 2021.** 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/diversity-fellowship>. 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 mentors from underrepresented communities, to projects using IPUMS data, and first time Diversity Fellowship mentors.

Who Can Apply: Any MPC faculty or research staff member

Due Date: 12:00N Monday, January 27, 2021

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

Program Dates: 10 weeks, starting in early June 2021 (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.