



COLLEGE OF BEHAVIORAL & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Call for Applications

2024 BSOS Summer Research Initiative & **The University of Maryland's 1856 Project**

Application Due Date: Mar 1, 2024

Overview

[The University of Maryland's 1856 Project](#), in collaboration with the BSOS Summer Research Initiative (SRI), seeks rising juniors and seniors to participate in an 8-week (June 3-July 26, 2024) research internship. 1856 Project SRI scholars will work with the Maryland Libraries Special Collections and University Archives in the historical exploration of the slave economy and how slavery operated in the immediate vicinity of the Maryland Agricultural College (MAC, now the University of Maryland). 1856 Project summer interns will work as part of a team led by [Lae'l Hughes-Watkins](#) (University Archivist) and [Doug McElrath](#) (Director, Special Collections & University Archives).

Program Dates

The 2024 SRI 1856 Project internship program dates are **Monday, June 3, 2024 - Friday, July 26, 2024**. All participants are required to arrive at our College Park campus on Saturday, June 1st, for the required 2-day pre-program orientation (Saturday and Sunday).

Program Activities

The 1856 Project research internship is a special track offered within the BSOS SRI. The [BSOS SRI](#) is a residential summer research internship designed to prepare participants for graduate school in the social and behavioral sciences. **Full-time program participation is required for all students participating in the SRI 1856 Project internship track.** Participants are required to reside in the university housing provided by the program and to participate in all SRI activities throughout the summer. Participation includes all SRI program and research activities and assignments and meetings with research and program mentors. Therefore, students should not register for summer classes, hold employment that interferes with their participation, or make other summer plans (e.g. vacation) that would interrupt their full and consistent immersion in the program during the 8-consecutive-week program period. At the end of the summer, all SRI scholars present their research at the program's culminating research poster symposium.

Program Benefits

- \$3,000 stipend for the entire summer (8 weeks)
- Travel to UMD and back home for out-of-state participants
- Housing from June 1 – July 26 - This is a residential internship and all participants must agree to live in the internship housing during the internship period.
- Group dinners provided to SRI scholars Monday – Friday

- \$780 meal allowance to cover breakfast, lunch, snacks, and weekend meals for 8 weeks
- Professional development and graduate application preparation workshops and seminars
- Research mentoring by faculty and professional development mentoring by SRI staff
- Professional networking and relationship building
- Application fee waivers for those who apply to graduate school at the University of Maryland

Application Instructions

Step 1: Review The 1856 Project Statement of Interest Instructions and prepare application materials

To be considered for The 1856 Project summer internship, all applicants must submit the application, which consists of submitting a **copy of your transcripts, your résumé or curriculum vita (c.v.), and your statement of interest**. These documents must be ready to upload at the time you begin the application. Therefore, we urge you to carefully review the [Statement of Interest Instructions](#) and prepare your application materials before you begin the application.

Step 2: Submit The 1856 Project Application

Once you have carefully reviewed the instructions and prepared your application materials, you may submit [The 1856 Project Application](#) and upload your completed résumé/CV, your transcripts, and your statement of interest.

Step 3: Submit two letters of recommendations

Two letters of recommendations are required as part of the 1856 Project application. Preferred letters of recommendations come from faculty professors/instructors or academic mentors who can speak to your academic achievements, abilities, character and goals. Please ask recommenders to submit their letters of recommendation to the SRI coordinator, Ms. Brittney Robinson (bsossri@umd.edu).

TIP: Provide recommenders with all necessary materials to prepare your letter (deadline, copies of your resume/cv, essays, and transcripts).

Deadlines

Submit all application materials, including letters of recommendation, transcripts, and résumé or curriculum vita (CV), in advance of the deadline (March 1, 2024). You can access the 1856 Project application link and statement of interest instructions below:

- [The 1856 Project Application](#)
- [The 1856 Project Statement of Interest Instructions](#)

Please direct questions to the SRI Coordinator, Ms. Brittney Robinson, at bsossri@umd.edu.