1) If I were to be accepted to this program, will all of my responsibilities to the program be taken care of during that original 8-week period, or will I be required to return to Texas (or any other locality) at some later date?
   Participant should consider the research experience a full-time job during the 8-week period. And, participants are expected to complete their research project within the 8 week period. Later in the fall, they will present their research at professional conference.

2) I am technically recognized as senior standing, but I am not graduating until next year. Am I still eligible?
   Yes, you are eligible to apply for the program since you will not have earned your bachelor’s degree at the time of the program.

3) When can applicants expect to be notified of acceptance?
   Applicants will be notified in late March.

4) I am graduating this May, am I still eligible to apply for the summer program?
   This program is specifically for undergraduates who have not earned a bachelor’s degree. Since you are earning your degree prior to the program’s start, you are ineligible.

5) Does the letter of recommendation need to come from a faculty member of my major discipline or may a faculty of a different department write it, as well?
   It may come from either as long as the letter of recommendation is from a faculty member.

6) Excluding the course that is taken, what kind of time commitment is required/suggested for the research project and paper on a weekly basis? Are students expected to dedicate 40 hours/week, for example?
   Participants should consider this research experience a full time job for the duration of the 8 week program.

7) I see that the program covers room and board at one of the UT dorms. If a participating student has a lease off-campus through the summer can the program help with the costs of off-campus living?
   No, the cost of room & board are specific to the UT dormitory.

8) Am I required to live in the dormitory for the duration of the 8 week program?
   Participants are expected to live in the dormitory. It is a dynamic part of the cohort learning experience for this program. If you are a current UT student and already have living arrangements, you may opt out. There is no financial compensation for alternative housing.

9) Am I required to participate in the professional conference?
   Participants are strongly encouraged to attend and present at a specified professional conference. Students will receive a travel and stipend for presenting their paper at the professional conference.

10) Who is a good candidate for this research program?
    This program is specifically geared toward students with junior standing who are seriously considering graduate school in the social sciences.

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