

December 11, 2014

Dear Psychology Juniors and Sophomores,

This will be our last email for the fall semester. Emails will resume on January 22, 2015 with important updates for the spring semester so be on the lookout for this. We will still send odds & ends emails with information about upcoming events & programs.

Below you will find information regarding housing and research funding at Harvard for the upcoming summer, along with the list of Harvard summer school courses that count for psychology credit, and information about where to find psychology-related summer opportunities. Please be aware that there is limited funding to help pay for summer housing at Harvard. Other internships may have application deadlines that have passed or are coming up soon, so start thinking about how to spend your summer soon!

We hope you have a restful break and happy New Year!

Best wishes,

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#### **HOUSING AT HARVARD:**

**Harvard Summer School Proctor Program - Deadline January 28, 2015:** Each year Harvard Summer School hires approximately 100 Harvard University students as proctors who live in the Summer School residences. Proctors may apply for either the Secondary School Program (SSP), most of whose students live in the Yard, or the regular program, whose college-age and older students live in the Houses.

**DeWolfe Housing Application - TBA (opened on March 6<sup>th</sup> in 2014):** 10 and 20 DeWolfe Street apartments are licensed during the summer primarily to provide housing to Harvard College students who wish to remain in Cambridge for the summer. This is not free housing - students are responsible for paying the rental cost. Apply ASAP as they fill up quickly.

#### **RESEARCH FUNDING AT HARVARD:**

*(listed by due date, but asterisks are next to the funds most commonly used by our concentrators)*

**Research funding is less plentiful this summer than in past years. Students should apply for multiple funding sources and have a backup plan in case they do not secure funds for research.**

**STARS - Summer Training in Academic Research Training and Scholarship – Opens November 1, deadline is January 22, 2015:** Provides underrepresented minority (URM) medical and undergraduate students an opportunity to engage in exciting basic, clinical and translational research projects during the summer at Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH) and Harvard Medical School (HMS). Housing and stipend provided.

**Funding for non-paid, non-credit International Summer Experiences (including Weissman International Internship) – Deadline is February 11, 2015 at 4:30pm:** Funds for students who have made their own research or volunteer experience arrangements for the summer in an international setting.

**\*\*[PRISE \(Program for Research in Science and Engineering\)](#) – Application available January 10, 2015, deadline February 17, 2015, 5pm:** Provides Harvard College students conducting research in the sciences (including neuroscience) and engineering with housing + possible stipend + earnings requirement. Do not need to have summer plans finalized by mid-Feb but must be in the process of finding a lab position.

**\*\*[PRIMO \(Program for Research in Markets and Organizations\)](#): – Deadline is February 19, 2015, 5pm**  
This is a 10-week program jointly sponsored with the Harvard Business School that provides room, partial board, and a small stipend to work on an established project. Although many of the projects don't have strong psychology connections, a few of the projects are more directly related through a focus on behavioral economics.

**\*\*[BLISS \(Behavioral Laboratory in the Social Sciences\)](#) – February 19, 2015, 5pm:** This is a 10-week program that provides room, partial board, and a small stipend to work in a social science laboratory on an established project. This program is NOT meant for independent projects or thesis research. It IS a great way for students to try out working in a lab for the first time or to try out a new lab topic. Several labs are from the psychology department or work on related topics in other schools or departments.

**\*\*[Harvard College Research Program \(HCRP\)](#) - Deadlines are February 4, 2015 at 5pm (spring); March 30, 2015 at 5pm (summer):** HCRP provides some funding for independent summer research. Usually pays stipend rather than research costs. Thesis students staying over the summer are strongly encouraged to apply.

**\*\*[MBB Summer Thesis Awards](#) – Deadline is March 30, 2015 at 5pm (but email by March 26)**  
Thesis students in the MBB track working on research over the summer should apply to this in addition to HCRP. Please see webpage for specific application instructions.

**\*\*[Faculty Aide Program \(FAP\)](#):** The program provides opportunities for undergraduates to become closely involved in the ongoing research of a Harvard faculty member. Students often become Faculty Aides by contacting professors or responding to research assistant job listings in the SEO [Jobs Database](#). You can also ask a faculty member if they might consider applying to the Faculty Aide Program to support you this summer. This program is *not* appropriate for thesis or other independent research.

**[Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program \(MMUF\)](#) - Deadline is January 30, 2015 at 5pm:** MMUF selects ten students in their sophomore year to join a tightly-knit research community during junior and senior years to conduct independent research in close collaboration with a faculty mentor. Fellows also attend monthly seminar meetings with this cohort to discuss the graduate school application process and the ongoing struggles inherent with research.

#### **SUMMER CLASSES:**

**[Harvard Summer School](#) courses in Cambridge will be online January 20. [Sign up to be notified.](#)**  
Please note that only certain psychology courses from the summer school can count toward the psychology concentration. The [list of approved psychology courses for Summer 2015](#) will be updated in January.

**[Harvard Summer School Abroad](#) - Due January 29, 2015:**

***Courses in the Trento, Italy program can all be counted as departmental advanced courses:***

MBB S-96, Study Abroad in Trento, Italy: The Social Brain

MBB S-97, Study Abroad in Trento, Italy: The Evolutionary and Developmental Origins of Cognition  
MBB S-101, Study Abroad in Trento, Italy: Windows into the Structure of the Mind and Brain

***The following courses can count as non-departmental advanced courses (one-half course each):***

- Kisumu, Kenya: AAAS S-181s, Innovation Health Transformations in Africa
- Istanbul, Turkey: HIST S-1874, Minority Questions in Contemporary Turkey
- Oxford, England: BIOL S-113, Darwin and Contemporary Evolutionary Biology
- Tokyo, Japan (RIKEN): BIOL S-141d, Disentangling Mental Disorders -From Genes to Circuits
- Kyoto, Japan: EALC S-29, Inequality and Society in Contemporary Japan
- Paris, France: BIOS S-190, Biology, Innovation, and the 21st Century Smart City

**Preapproved Non-Harvard Summer Abroad Programs – Due February 11, 2015 for students needing funding, April 1, 2015 if not applying for funding:** These programs are preapproved by Harvard are posted through the Office of International Education. You will need to apply to the program itself by their application deadline, as well as apply to Harvard for credit. For coursework related to psychology, we recommend the Sussex University program in the UK and the Danish Institute for Study (coursework is conducted in English). You'll need [Laura Chivers](#) to sign off as the adviser on your [Harvard credit application](#) – email her to set up a meeting by **February 9** if you need to apply for funding.

**Non-Harvard Summer Study Abroad Funding – Deadline is February 11, 2015 by 4:30pm**

#### **FINDING SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Psychology Undergraduate Website, Summer Opportunities:** We post all the summer opportunities we here about at this page. Be sure to check them out often! We don't ask our labs to send us lab openings for the summer, so also feel free to email labs directly to inquire about openings. Info about how to do that can be found [here](#) under section II.

**Life Science-related Summer Research Opportunities for Harvard Students:** The Life Sciences department offers listings both at and away from Harvard, as well as funding opportunities.

**Harvard Office of Career Services (OCS):** OCS receives many internship postings. Many summer internship deadlines have already passed or are quickly approaching, so start looking now! OCS can also help you work on resumes and cover letters.

**Office for Undergraduate Research and Fellowships (URAF):** URAF offers daily drop-in advising hours about Harvard research opportunities. Their website provides a comprehensive list of the Harvard College-sponsored research programs available.

**Look for opportunities on your own:** You can also just look for hospitals, clinics, and universities in your area to see if people are doing things you find interesting, and then contact them to see if they might have any opportunities available for undergraduate students over the summer. This is the most common way students find summer opportunities.