PORES

PENN PROGRAM on OPINION RESEARCH and ELECTION STUDIES

Decoding Public Opinion and Analyzing Elections

CURF Summer Research and Fellowships Fair February 4, 2022

What do we do?

The Penn Program on Opinion Research and Election Studies (PORES) is an undergraduate research program committed to conducting high-quality social research in the public interest on issues of national and international importance.

How are students involved?

PORES provides Penn undergraduate students valuable training in public opinion theory and research through specialized courses, one-on-one mentoring, and experiential learning opportunities.

PORES Student Research Fellowships



- In conjunction with the Robert A. Fox Leadership Program, PORES offers paid student research fellowships each academic semester and over the summer.
- Students are paired with a faculty member to get hands-on research experience focused on public opinion, elections, and political outcomes in the United States.
- PORES also places student research fellows with external organizations such as NBC News, The Philadelphia Inquirer, the Southern Coalition for Social Justice, and Votebeat.









The Philadelphia Inquirer



PORES Student Research Fellowships



- Applications are welcome from any major or year for students interested in building their social science research skills.
- Past fellows have conducted firsthand research on such topics as voter ID laws, immigration, and the political attitudes of evangelicals.
- Fellows also participate in professional development activities including technical workshops, critical reflection, and guest lectures from faculty and industry professionals.





Recent Projects



- 2020 Presidential Campaign Tactics
 - Student fellows coded content for digital ads and helped with data entry/data cleaning to help understand key trends into campaign behavior of candidates.
- Partisan News Media and Democratic Attitudes
 - This research examined the impact partisan news media has on democratic attitudes and beliefs. Student fellows assisted with design and analyzing an online experiment.
- Political Effects from Local Higher Education Institutions
 - Depending on where colleges are located, have political outcomes in those counties evolved over time? Student fellows helped identify datasets, cleaned datasets, and conducted preliminary analyses.





Summer 2022 Details and Application Deadline



- Summer PORES Fellowships are full time opportunities (35 hrs/week)
 - The PORES Fellowships are based in Philadelphia
 - Fellows begin mid-May and work through the end of July
 - TBD for in-person or remote for Summer 2022
- Applications are due February 26th, 2022 at 11:59 PM EST
 - Apply here: <u>https://bit.ly/3s7gFEN</u>
 - Application materials include a resume, statement of interest, and a brief writing sample or example of data analysis experience

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