

The Arts Initiative Scholars Program (Arts IN)

The Arts Initiative (Arts IN) Scholars Program supports students in specific arts-related research projects in cross-disciplinary partnerships, such as *Arts IN Civic Engagement*, *Arts IN Education*, *Arts IN Global Health*, *Arts IN Labor*, *Arts IN Science*, and *Arts International*. The program's objective is to mentor AAP undergraduate students who would normally not consider the arts as a viable area of study. Students receive academic and professional support over a required two-quarter commitment. AAP undergraduate students interested in pursuing graduate studies in the arts including education, activism, therapy, entertainment, production, and management are encouraged to apply. The Coordinator for the AAP Arts IN Program offers tailored mentorship services to AAP students accepted into the cohort and who are interested in graduate or professional schools and/or careers in the arts.

Activities include: reviewing program application materials and selecting the new cohort of Arts IN students; leading a weekly discussion section during Winter and Spring quarters about relevant issues in the arts, interdisciplinary work, and social justice; assisting student participants in exploring arts-related research opportunities; assisting student participants in applying to graduate and professional school; assisting student participants in developing their graduate and professional school application materials; assisting student participants in preparing oral and poster presentations of their research projects. For more information on Arts IN, please visit our website at <http://aap.ucla.edu/#/mentoring/arts-initiative-arts-in-scholars-program/>.

Job Responsibilities:

- Group mentoring of AAP undergraduate students seeking to pursue graduate or professional school
- Individual mentoring appointments with undergraduate students involved in or seeking to become involved in undergraduate research and internships
- Coordinate research-based internship experiences with the Center for Community Learning
- Outreach to academic departments, faculty, other AAP and Division of Undergraduate Education units, and the Graduate Division on behalf of the Graduate Mentoring Program (GM)
- Organize faculty and student roundtables in various academic disciplines
- Develop and conduct related workshops that make students successful graduate school applicants
- Assist in the continued development of GM
- Facilitate weekly seminars
- Engage in radical care and critical kindness pedagogies to support undergraduate scholar community

Eligibility Criteria:

- Currently enrolled UCLA graduate student during the time of appointment with a minimum GPA of 3.0, making normal progress towards the graduate degree as outlined by Graduate Division and departmental guidelines, and enrollment in a minimum of 12 units for each quarter of appointment.
- Demonstrated cross-cultural sensitivity
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Interest in working with and assisting undergraduate students in the humanities and social sciences, particularly those who are interested in a research or academic career in an arts-related field
- Interest in working with low-income, first-generation college students
- Able to work 20 hours per week – 50% appointment
 - Graduate students already holding 25% appointments elsewhere on campus as academic apprentice personnel may work additional hours as tutors with written permission from their department chairs, dissertation advisors, and with Graduate Division
- Able to attend weekly staff meetings
- Able to attend training during Week 0 (week of Sept 19) before the Fall quarter starts for undergraduates
- No more than 12 quarters or 18 quarters if advanced to candidacy and approved by Graduate Division and departmental guidelines as an Academic Student Employee: Teaching Assistants/ Associates/Fellows, Readers/Special Readers and Tutors/Remedial Tutors