

## **DUNCAN MACRAE Jr.**

### **SUMMER UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP IN PUBLIC POLICY**

#### **Purpose**

The **Duncan MacRae Jr. Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) in Public Policy** allows majors to carry out innovative policy-relevant research under the supervision of public policy faculty member at UNC-Chapel Hill. The Public Policy SURF aims to create an opportunity for majors to engage in independent research for at least 9 weeks with a minimum 20 hours/week during the summer.

#### **Eligibility**

- Currently enrolled first-year, sophomores and juniors at UNC-Chapel Hill in good academic standing *who are declared majors in public policy* and have completed at least 2 core courses.
- A letter of support from a faculty research advisor who will oversee the research project and holds a full-time appointment in Public Policy at UNC-Chapel Hill.
- Students who have received a SURF in previous years are not eligible to apply.

#### **Application Process**

Public Policy majors should submit an application to the Office of Undergraduate Research (OUR) for a Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF). Detailed application instructions are available at <http://our.unc.edu/students/funding-opportunities/fellowships/surf/> . Applications are (typically) due the last week in February. There are four parts to the application:

1. Completion of an on-line application form;
2. A 1200 word written statement describing the research project;
3. A letter of support from the faculty research adviser overseeing the project;
4. A copy of your official UNC transcript.

#### **Anticipated Number and Amount of Awards**

Contingent on availability of endowment funds, a maximum of two awards of \$2,000 each will support public policy major applicants annually through the Duncan MacRae Jr. Public Policy Fund. Contingent on the availability of funds, OUR will provide a \$1000 match toward each Duncan MacRae Jr SURF in Public Policy.

#### **Selection Process**

OUR will convene a multidisciplinary faculty committee to select the SURF recipients based on the written application and the faculty research advisor's recommendation letter. Once the SURF selection committee has chosen which projects to fund, OUR will provide the Department chair with the name(s) of all selected public policy students to the Chair, their research adviser, and their project title.

## **Reporting Requirements**

Students are expected to follow all the reporting requirements indicated by OUR. Successful applicants should acknowledge support from the Office for Undergraduate Research and the Duncan MacRae Jr. Public Policy Fund in any publications resulting from the project.