What is EEGAP?

• a partnership between Howard University and the University of California, Davis
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• Mentored summer research in ecology, evolution, animal behavior, phylogenetics, etc.

• ... with leading researchers
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• professional development and joint mentoring by faculty from Howard and UC Davis grad students and faculty

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• continued mentoring after the end of the summer
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• connections with members of the UC Davis Black Graduate and Professional Student Association

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• GRE prep course – live online
• Insight into career options

“I feel so much more comfortable considering the idea of pursuing a Ph.D. There are really so many options after completing an undergraduate degree and attending graduate school is a great choice (and not a consolation prize).”
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“Despite not having a lot of lab experience, I discovered that I could do a lot more lab work than I thought I could.”

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• What’s grad school about?
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  "For two months, you live the life of a grad student. You go into the lab and do research every day. You work with faculty and graduate mentors. You live in campus housing. They even give you a bike."

  - Mayowa Adegboyega,
    Howard University, 2014
    UC Davis doctoral candidate, Anthropology

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- round-trip transportation to Davis
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- access to the ARC
- rented bike for getting around town
- $4,400 stipend
What do you get?
• a chance to present your work to colleagues & family

What do you get?
• Preparation for graduate study: PhD programs in STEM provide fee waivers and stipends that cover the cost of graduate education and living expenses
• Two EEGAP alumni have received NSF Graduate Research Fellowships with support from Howard & UC Davis mentors

Alumni in UC grad programs
All work and no play?

Spring trip to California...

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Field work in beautiful locations...

All work and no play?

..and at UCD...
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Weekend student road trip to Yosemite
All work and no play?

Details...

- Talk to Professor Mary McKenna (EEGAP) or email Carole Hom, clhom@ucdavis.edu

- Application deadline: 1 November; selection by the end of November
"I didn’t quite understand what doing research meant before coming to UC Davis. It’s really an intellectual discovery fulfilled by curiosity. I can study whatever I want as long as I communicate my research."