PROGRAM INFORMATION
The Summer Humanities and Arts Research Program (SHARP) was launched in summer 2013 with the support of the Dean of Arts and Humanities in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and the Dean of Harvard College. SHARP provides students with diverse research opportunities across the arts and humanities in an exciting range of research settings. SHARP fellows contribute to the rich, interdisciplinary intellectual, social, and residential environment in activities that include roundtable lunch talks with distinguished faculty speakers, pre-professional seminars, and opportunities to explore Harvard and the New England region more broadly.

SHARP will run from Monday, June 5, 2023 to Thursday, August 10, 2023. (The move-in and move-out schedule will be confirmed later this spring.)

COMPONENTS & EXPECTATIONS
Program benefit and financial support are meant to enable SHARP fellows to form a close-knit residential community. Therefore, SHARP Fellows are expected to participate and contribute to the community of scholars in evening enrichment activities throughout the term of the Program. While many activities are voluntary, other SHARP activities, especially those associated with Harvard faculty, are required for all Fellows.

More specifically, SHARP consists of the following components:

- **Research experience**: The intent of the program is to provide a formative and substantive research experience over ten weeks of the summer, working on a project designed by specified Harvard faculty or in collaboration with partnering libraries and museums. Prospective participants will select preferences from an array of SHARP-designated research projects on the application. Selected participants will be matched with a research project.

- **Residential life and community**: SHARP Fellows will live together in one of the Harvard College River Houses for the duration of the Program. Weekday evening meal service, as well as a weekday breakfast cart, will be available. A modest stipend will be available to cover other expenses, including food for weekend meals and weekday lunches.

- **Special Campus-wide Events and Evening Programs**: Special evening programming featuring prominent researchers and scientists in the Harvard community and the Boston area will be open to all Harvard undergraduates. Seminars for SHARP Fellows will include a number of topics specifically designed to augment and enrich their knowledge about research and careers in and beyond academia. Topics such as research ethics, poster presentations, and post-graduate career opportunities will be offered throughout the Program. In addition, Fellows will have the opportunity to practice speaking about their research, in both small and large groups throughout the summer.

- **Recreational and Social Programs**: SHARP Fellows are eligible to register for free use of Harvard athletic facilities (including the Malkin Athletic Center, Hemenway Gymnasium, and Blodgett Pool). A calendar of activities will include a range of opportunities to socialize and take advantage of Boston's cultural and recreational summer offerings, including a variety of excursions, Red Sox games, and Fellow-initiated community events sponsored by URAF for the College-affiliated research programs.

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ELIGIBILITY

- Any continuing Harvard College undergraduate student in good standing; preference will be given to individuals who have not yet participated in a Summer Research Village Program (e.g., PRISE, BLISS, PRIMO, SHARP, SURGH, or SPUDS).
- Must be able to commit 10 weeks* to summer research on campus.
- May accept funding for only one Harvard-funded summer experience, per the Harvard College Summer Funding Policy.

*NOTE: Individuals taking summer school courses, preparing for the summer graduate school exams, or engaging in full-time public service projects are not eligible to participate in SHARP.

BENEFITS

SHARP offers a variety of benefits to ensure a successful summer research experience and enable fellows to form a close-knit community:

- A living stipend of $3,000 for the ten-week program
- Free lodging in designated Harvard housing
- A partial boarding/dining plan

SELECTION CRITERIA

A primary purpose of the program is to build and foster a strong and diverse community of arts and humanities scholars. Selection will be based on applicant responses to the essay questions and comments in the letter of reference indicating that the applicant is strongly suited for a successful summer enrichment experience.

While students in any concentration may apply, preference will be given to strong candidates in humanities and arts disciplines.

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

For a list of current and past projects, please visit the SHARP page on the URAF website.

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Harvard College
Summer Humanities and Arts Research Program (SHARP)
2022-2023 Application Instructions

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND ORGANIZE THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS FOR YOUR APPLICATION:

■ APPLICATION FORM
Complete the online CARAT information, which will be compiled and displayed as your application cover sheet.

■ CURRENT RESUME
Indicate significant activities, achievements, and experiences in college that demonstrate your interests and potential achievements. **Do not exceed one page.**

■ CURRENT UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT
Download your unofficial transcript from my.harvard.edu, including your fall course grades and spring course listing.

■ ESSAY RESPONSES
In a separate document, please provide responses to the following three statements. Please be sure to include your name at the top of the page(s).

1. Describe why you are interested in the specific SHARP project(s) and how you are prepared/qualified. (500 words maximum, PER PROJECT. If you’d like to be considered for two projects, submit two project essays.)

2. Describe how you expect that participating in SHARP will inform your academic trajectory or contribute to your professional goals. (300 words maximum)

3. Describe how you will contribute to and benefit from participating in a diverse residential community of researchers. Please provide descriptions of your involvement in your Harvard house or dorm (or other communities, such as a club or team or volunteer program), with specific examples of your role in contributing to the cohesion and distinctive identity of the group. In addition, consider your involvement in light of the return to campus this fall term. How has your experience impacted you, and what you have you done to address the challenges of belonging and contributing to a community in the current environment? (750 words maximum.)

■ LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION
One academic letter of recommendation is required. See the SHARP Recommender Instructions below. Send your recommender the instructions, which will guide recommenders on the topics we would like addressed in their letter of recommendation.

**ACADEMIC LETTER:** Your academic letter of recommendation should be written by someone in the Harvard academic/research community who can comment on your academic initiative and interest in pursuing excellence. This letter should include brief examples of how you will benefit from and contribute to the SHARP community. If your academic recommender is also a SHARP project mentor, they should comment on your qualifications for SHARP generally, as well as your qualifications for their specific project. Freshmen may consider a high-school academic/research recommender.

**HOUSE RECOMMENDATIONS:** Applicants do NOT need to seek a residential letter of recommendation. Yard/House feedback will be solicited directly from URAF for all SHARP applicants. If you have a community-based reference who is not in your House community (e.g., coach), please contact your proctor or House Fellowship Advisor (HFA) so that they can be in touch with that individual to get feedback for your application.

■ CONFIRMATION LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (for independent research proposals only)
A brief letter from your research mentor is also required, providing details about the proposed project and their involvement over the summer. If your academic recommender is also your summer research mentor, the letter of recommendation can also count as the confirmation, and therefore you do not need a separate letter of confirmation. When confirmed, the faculty mentor should email their confirmation letter in pdf format to undergradresearch@fas.harvard.edu with SHARP and [YOUR LAST NAME] in the subject line. If you do not have your mentor confirmed by the application deadline, please have them email their confirmation letter as soon as possible.

CONTINUE TO THE NEXT PAGE FOR APPLICATION UPLOAD INSTRUCTIONS.
PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION AS FOLLOWS:

1. LOG IN TO CARAT USING YOUR HARVARDKEY and confirm that your profile information is correct.

2. “APPLY” TO THE SHARP “FUNDING SOURCE”
   Fill out all required fields.

3. REQUEST RECOMMENDATIONS (via “Recommendations” tab)
   You are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to solicit recommendations at least three weeks ahead of the application deadline. Once you have provided name (Last, First) and contact information for your recommenders, YOU MUST CLICK “Send recommendation request” under each recommender’s entry in order for CARAT to send the notification to your recommender’s email. “Save and Next” will NOT submit your recommendation requests.

4. UPLOAD YOUR DOCUMENTS
   All documents must be submitted concurrently, in PDF format. No supplementary materials will be accepted.

5. SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION (via “Submission” tab)
   Enter your HUID and click “Submit.” The date and time of your submission will be noted, and late applications will not be accepted. Please note that you do not need to wait for your recommenders to submit their letters to submit your materials.

If you or your recommenders have questions about this application or the online submission process, please contact the Office of Undergraduate Research and Fellowships at (617) 495-5095 or undergradresearch@fas.harvard.edu.

■■■ DEADLINE: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023 AT 11:59pm EST ■■■
This applicant is applying to the Harvard College Summer Humanities and Arts Research Program (SHARP), to participate in the 10-week summer residential community of undergraduate researchers and interns. A critical factor in evaluating the application is evidence of initiative and motivation in an academic and/or research setting. The applicant has selected you to provide a letter of recommendation to the SHARP Selection Committee, and we thank you for your effort on the applicant’s behalf. We would appreciate it if you would address the following questions in your letter:

1. In what capacity do you know the applicant?

2. Can you provide brief examples of initiative, motivation, and determination in an academic and/or research activity?

3. How would the applicant benefit from and contribute to the SHARP community?

4. If you are a SHARP project sponsor, please comment on the applicant’s qualifications for SHARP generally as well as for your project specifically.

You will receive an email prompt generated by CARAT after the applicant has invited you to submit a recommendation. Simply follow the directions to upload a signed PDF version of your letter on official institutional stationary to the CARAT online link indicated in the invitation.

The deadline for receipt of application materials is Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 12:59pm (EST). If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Undergraduate Research and Fellowships at undergradresearch@fas.harvard.edu.