



Office of the Vice Provost for Research and Harvard College

Generative AI Research Program

2024 Application Instructions

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Generative AI Research Program is launching for the summer of 2024, with the support of the Office of the Vice Provost for Research and the Office of Undergraduate Research and Fellowships. This program provides students with diverse research opportunities in Generative AI across an exciting range of research settings. Students will contribute to an important phase of academic discovery in Generative AI at Harvard, through work on focused projects with Harvard faculty in a variety of disciplines.

Students will determine the 10-week time period with their faculty project lead.

GOALS & EXPECTATIONS

This program is intended to enable Harvard undergraduates with an interest in GenAI to work closely with a member of the Harvard faculty on a research project in this area. There may be opportunities to engage across projects, as well as to present on project work. Students will also have to submit a brief final report detailing and reflecting upon their summer 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. Prospective participants will indicate preferences from an array of proposed research projects as part of the application; students may apply to up to three different projects. Selected participants will then be matched with a research project, with one or two students per project.

ELIGIBILITY

- Any continuing Harvard College undergraduate student in good standing
- Must be able to commit 10 weeks to summer research.
- May accept funding for only **one** Harvard-funded summer experience, per [the Harvard College Summer Funding Policy](#).

BENEFITS

This program offers the following benefits:

- A **living stipend of \$7,000** for the ten-week program

SELECTION CRITERIA

Selection will be based on applicant responses to questions in the application.

Students in any concentration may apply. A range of priority experience with GenAI or related technologies is expected in the applicant pool, and matching will be based on project-specific needs.

ACCOMODATIONS

Harvard University welcomes individuals with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. Students who need accommodations during the application process and/or during the research experience itself should contact URAF (undergradresearch@fas.harvard.edu). Any medical documentation related to accommodation requests should be sent to the Disability Access Office (<https://dao.fas.harvard.edu>). URAF does not review nor receive medical documentation.

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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 two short essay prompts.

1. **Describe why you are interested in the specific project(s) and how you are prepared/qualified.** (500 words maximum, **PER PROJECT** (*up to three projects*). If you would like to be considered for more than one project, upload multiple project essays.)
2. **Describe how you expect that participating in this program will inform your academic trajectory or contribute to your professional goals.** (300 words maximum)

■ **FACULTY REFERENCE**

Please provide the name, title, and contact information for a Harvard faculty member who can verify the caliber of your academic work.

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 Generative AI Research Program**

Fill out all required fields.

3. **UPLOAD YOUR DOCUMENTS**

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

4. **SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION (via “Submission” tab)**

Enter your HUID and click “Submit.” The date and time of your submission will be noted.

If you have questions about this application or the online submission process, please contact the Office of Undergraduate Research and Fellowships at undergradresearch@fas.harvard.edu.

■■■ **DEADLINE: SUNDAY, APRIL 28, AT 11:59PM (EST)** ■■■