



Harvard College
Summer Humanities and Arts Research Program (SHARP)
2023-2024 Application Instructions

Program Information

The Summer Humanities and Arts Research Program (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 is posed to run from Monday, June 3, 2024 to Thursday, August 8, 2024. The exact schedule will be confirmed in the spring.**

****Before applying, please be sure to read the SHARP webpage in its entirety for necessary application information about available projects, expectations, and eligibility: <https://uraf.harvard.edu/uraf-opportunities/sharp#>.****

Application Process

Apply via [CARAT](#). Prepare in advance the following materials:

- **Resume:** Indicate significant activities, achievements, and experiences in college that demonstrate your interests and potential achievements. **Do not exceed one page.**
- **Unofficial transcript:** Download your unofficial transcript from my.harvard.edu, it should include your fall course grades and spring course listing.
- **Essays (3):** Include all three prompt responses in one document with your name at the start and the essay # and prompt before each response.
 1. Describe why you are interested in the specific SHARP project and how you are prepared and qualified. Compose one response for each project for which you want to be considered. (500 words maximum per project).
 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. (750 words maximum.)
- **Evaluation form:** Send your recommender the [HSURV evaluation form](#). Input their contact information in the recommender section of CARAT. Ask your recommender to complete the evaluation form and upload it to CARAT in lieu of a recommendation letter. Only the form will be accepted, recommendations letters are not accepted for SHARP.
- **Confirmation letter, for independent project applicants only:** A brief letter (1-2 paragraphs) from your research mentor providing details about the proposed project and their involvement over the summer is required. Mentors of independent projects must submit their confirmation letter with the subject "SHARP [*your last name*] Confirmation Letter" to undergradresearch@fas.harvard.edu.

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

Deadline for all materials: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 11:59pm ET