

**Cooper-Du Bois Mentoring Program - Supporting Doctoral Study for Underrepresented Studies in African American Literature, Language, and Culture**

DATES: October 29 - 31, 2016

LOCATION: Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA

THE PROGRAM:

Underrepresented students interested in pursuing doctoral studies in African American literature, language and culture meet with Penn State faculty, staff and current and former graduate students to learn about the graduate admissions process, the field of African American literary, cultural and rhetorical studies, and the academic profession more broadly. As part of this three-day program, students attend workshops on a variety of topics related to graduate studies and the admissions process, learn about digital and archival resources, and meet with faculty, area and program heads, and current and former graduate students.

SESSION TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Graduate Studies in African American Literature and Language: Current Directions
- The Graduate Application: Navigating the Process and Preparing Materials
- Penn State's Dual-Title PhD in English and African American Studies
- Tips on Preparing the Statement of Purpose

\*This year's program coincides with Penn State's *Celebrating African American Literature and Language Conference* (<http://arc.psu.edu/caal2016>), giving students the opportunity to attend one day of conference sessions and to see the range of cutting-edge scholarship being done by preeminent and emerging scholars in the field.

STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE:

- Reimbursement for travel to and from State College, 2-3 nights lodging, meals, conference registration, all programming and instructional materials.
- Waived fee for Penn State Graduate School application (if applying).
- Stipend for travel related incidentals.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Applicants should be juniors, seniors, or masters students currently enrolled in or having earned a degree from a U.S. college or university. Priority will be given to students interested in applying to graduate school in Fall 2016 for admission in Fall 2017.
- Priority will be given to applicants from a racial or ethnic group that is underrepresented in the discipline of English/Literary Studies and/or in the English graduate program at Penn State University.
- Applicants must have a strong, demonstrated interest in pursuing African American literary, cultural and/or rhetorical studies.
- Applicants *must* be at least 18 years of age.

**TO APPLY:**

- Submit a one-page letter of application stating your academic/career goals and research interests.
- An unofficial transcript
- One letter of recommendation from a faculty member
- Complete Applicant Information Form

***\*Email all materials to Dr. Shirley Moody-Turner at [scm18@psu.edu](mailto:scm18@psu.edu) by May 20, 2016.***

APPLICANT INFORMATION FORM

Full Name:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Address:

Mailing Address for Summer 2016 – Fall 2016:

Date of Birth (applicants must be 18 years of age or older):

Undergraduate college or university:

Major:

Degree earned (if applicable):

Graduate college or university (if applicable):

Name of faculty member who will provide letter of recommendation:

Faculty Email:

Are you eligible for employment in the US?: Y/N

Will you now or in the future require visa sponsorship from Pennsylvania State University to obtain, extend, or renew your authorization to work in the U.S.?: Y/N

Are you at least 18 years of age?: Y/N

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_