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Subject: 2026–2027 UC-HBCU Initiative Request for Proposals



To: Deans, Department Chairs, Directors, Graduate Vice Chairs and Faculty

Key takeaways:

- UCOP has released the 2026–27 UC-HBCU Initiative request for proposals
- This initiative aims to increase the number of scholars from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) completing UC doctoral programs. It offers grants for summer research, faculty collaboration and improving the experience of UC-HBCU students
- Proposals are due to the Division of Graduate Education (DGE): Dec. 18, 2026, noon PT
- Information Session: Nov. 16, 2026, noon–1 p.m. PT (Hybrid; lunch provided) — **RSVP by 12 p.m. PT on Nov. 13**

Dear Colleagues:

The UC Office of the President has announced the 2026–27 Request for Proposals to the University of California-Historically Black Colleges and Universities (UC-HBCU)

Initiative. Application instructions and an applicant information tutorial are linked below. Additional information is available on the UCOP UC-HBCU website.

Deadlines

Please note the new timeline and earlier submission deadlines. To allow sufficient time to secure a signature of support from the Dean and Vice Provost of Graduate Education, please adhere to the following submission deadlines:

- UCLA (DGE) deadline: Dec. 18, 2026, noon PT
- UCOP deadline: Jan. 5, 2027, noon PT

Information Session

The Division of Graduate Education's Recruitment, Outreach, and Admissions (ROA) team will host a hybrid information session on **Monday, Nov. 16, noon–1 p.m. PT**. Departments are invited to learn more about the UC-HBCU Initiative, such as award types, eligibility criteria and how the DGE can support your proposal. There will be time for you to ask questions and hear directly from previous UCLA grant recipients. Lunch will be provided for in-person attendees. Attendees may also participate remotely. Location details and the Zoom meeting link will be shared closer to the event.

RSVP to attend by 12 p.m. PT Friday, Nov. 13, 2026.

RSVP Now

About the Initiative

The UC-HBCU Initiative is one of UC's mechanisms to support inclusive excellence by investing in relationships and efforts between UC faculty and Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). Through this initiative, awarded grants support undergraduate and master's-level HBCU scholars in conducting summer research at UC campuses. The goal of the UC-HBCU Initiative is to increase the number of scholars from HBCUs who enroll in academic doctoral programs at the University of California. Academic Senate faculty in all disciplines are eligible to apply, including faculty in departments offering terminal MFA degrees who seek to increase HBCU enrollment in those programs.

Awards fall into two categories: one-year summer research internship support grants and three-year summer research and graduate admission pathways grants. In order to allow a wide range of participation in the UC-HBCU Initiative, grant award amounts or limits are not specified. Summer research internship budgets should be based on the actual costs of hosting students at your institution. The Recruitment, Outreach, and Admissions (ROA) team can provide guidance on proposal development and allowable expenses. Summer research begins in 2028 for both award types.

Submitting Proposals

Follow the steps below to submit a proposal for the UC-HBCU Initiative:

- ☐ Consult with ROA about resources and support (optional)
- ☐ Submit a full proposal (not just the signature page) to DGE for review by noon PT, Dec. 18, 2026
    - Submit through Graduate Education Portal (Office of the Dean | DEAN Other) or email AskGrad@grad.ucla.edu (subject: *UC-HBCU Initiative Proposal*)
- ☐ Await signed signature page from DGE
- ☐ Submit a full proposal to UCOP online via ProposalCentral by noon PT, Jan. 5, 2027

Timeline

Here is a timeline for this year's Request for Proposals to the UC-HBCU Initiative:

Date	Milestone
Nov. 16, 2026	Hybrid information session, 12–1 p.m. PT
Dec. 18, 2026	Proposals due to the DGE by 12 p.m. PT
Jan. 5, 2027	Proposals due to UCOP by 12 p.m. PT
Feb.–April 2027	Proposal reviews

May 2027	Awards announced
Dec. 2027	Funds available after summer 2028 student lists are submitted

Resources

- 2026–27 UC-HBCU Initiative – Request for Proposals
- 2026–27 UC-HBCU Initiative - Application Instructions for Summer Research Internship Program
- 2026–27 UC-HBCU Initiative – Application Instructions for Summer Research and Graduate Admissions Pathways Grant
- Applicant Information Tutorial
- Frequently Asked Questions

Questions

Please direct any questions regarding the UC-HBCU Initiative to AskGrad@grad.ucla.edu or submit an inquiry via the Graduate Education Portal ("ROA | Recruitment, Outreach, and Admissions" category).

We look forward to supporting your interest in this UCOP grant opportunity!

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