

Berkeley Firebaugh Scholars Program

Office for Graduate Diversity

UC Berkeley Faculty Advisor Agreement Form for **2025-2026 Firebaugh Scholars applicants**

REQUIRED

Please **download**, **sign**, and **upload** this form on your application [here](#)

The Firebaugh seminar introduces scholars to academic research and prepares them to conduct their own research project. Topics we cover include crafting a research question, engaging in library research, conducting a literature review, and composing a research proposal. Students are then provided with resources to complete the proposed project. We recognize that our scholars come from the social sciences, the humanities, and STEM with varying degrees of expertise in research. With this in mind, we aim to make the seminar one that maximizes the benefits of diversity within the collective and fosters a sense of community.

We also recognize that first-generation, low-income, transfer, and other students historically underrepresented in higher education have lower rates of engagement in research on the UC Berkeley campus, in part due to the low representation and acceptance rates of students from marginalized backgrounds by research programs on campus. The Firebaugh Research Seminar and Program exist to intervene by increasing marginalized students' access to resources, training, and mentorship with the goal of increasing the representation of marginalized students in academic research and graduate school.

The purpose of this document is to formalize the research collaborations between students and their Faculty Advisor.

I _____ (*applicant's name*) recognize that my commitment to being a Firebaugh Scholar demands a high level of engagement, time, and effort in order to complete and execute my research project. By signing this document, my Faculty Advisor agrees to the following:

- ☐ **Meet with me throughout the academic year as agreed upon**
- ☐ **Assist me with crafting research questions and planning data collection**

- ☐ Assist me with developing my research project (including crafting research questions and refining data collection methodology), as well as reviewing my IRB application prior to submission
- ☐ Provide feedback on my results and analysis, as well as ensure that I am ready present my project at the Spring Research Symposium
- ☐ Meet all UC Berkeley OPHS Training and Education requirements, if needed, no later than October 18, 2025

For faculty advisors only:

Do you have PI status? YES / NO / NOT SURE

Have you already completed UC Berkeley Group 2 CITI training? YES / NO / NOT SURE

Students Name: _____ Date: _____

Faculty Name & Title (e.g., Assistant/Associate/Full Professors/Emeritus): _____

Faculty Signature: _____ Faculty Email: _____

If you have any questions, please contact: Coordinator at: firebaughscholars@berkeley.edu

