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ASU teams up with UCLA to offer free graduate school tuition
UCLA representatives to conduct graduate school workshop at ASU

ALBANY, Ga. — Albany State University students now have the opportunity to receive free tuition for graduate programs at any of the 10 University of California (UC) institutions through the “UC-HBCU Initiative,” which aims to increase the number of scholars from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) enrolling in UC academic doctoral programs.

Representatives from University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) will conduct a “Nuts and Bolts” graduate school workshop for ASU students interested in applying to graduate school, Wednesday, Sept. 30, at 11 a.m. in the James Pendergrast Memorial Library room 114. The workshop will focus on tips for submitting applications to graduate school. There will also be a reception to honor the UCLA guests and celebrate the newly formed partnership between ASU and UCLA later that day at 3 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

Students considered for the program must conduct summer research at UCLA, which includes a paid stipend and lodging. If selected to participate in the initiative, they will receive free tuition for graduate programs at UCLA; University of California, Berkley; University of California, Davis; or any other University of California institution—provided they apply and are accepted.

“Many of our students routinely present their research at academic conferences, as well as at the undergraduate and graduate symposiums held at the university,” said Florence Lyons, associate professor of Speech and the coordinator for Speech and Theatre. “Consequently, I am confident that our students will make a significant contribution to the research conducted at UCLA.”

Lyons, initiated contact with Dela Cruz, director of Outreach and Diversity and UC-HBCU Initiative at UCLA and Carlos Grijalva, associate dean for the UCLA Graduate Division, her lead resulted in ASU’s consideration for participation in the UC-HBCU Initiative.

This summer more than 80 fellows conducted research at nine UC campuses, and as a direct result of the UC-HBCU Initiative, thirteen Ph.D. students and two academic master's students are currently enrolled at UC.

In conjunction with UCLA professors, ASU faculty members will serve as mentors for participating students and oversee their research.

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