



## Research and Mentoring Program (RAMP) Application Guidelines



The UCF Research and Mentoring Program (RAMP) provides undergraduate students interested in pursuing graduate education with research experience while receiving support and guidance from a faculty mentor. In addition, the students participate in a variety of workshops and events designed to increase their awareness and knowledge of graduate school education. This program aims to encourage more students from those populations who are traditionally underrepresented in graduate education to attend graduate school.

RAMP provides an enriching educational experience for undergraduate students, with a focus on Pell Grant-eligible, first-generation, and transfer college students, to excel as undergraduate students, become strong graduate school candidates, and succeed in their graduate programs once they graduate from UCF.

### **Program Benefits:**

RAMP provides a challenging and supportive environment conducive to learning and personal/professional development. We offer students:

- Scholarship for conducting research and committing to the program's Milestone Activities
- Individualized academic and personal support from RAMP staff
- Involvement in a cohesive learning community of scholars and educators
- Experience conducting research
- Faculty, graduate student, and peer mentoring
- Opportunities to present at the Showcase of Undergraduate Research Excellence
- Access to AAP workshops on the graduate school application process, financial aid, scholarships, fellowships and more
- RAMP graduation stole

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Endorsement from a UCF faculty member to work with (Note: Faculty Mentor must complete the endorsement form by the application deadline as part of the application process)
- Have a minimum overall cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Full-time student at UCF during the Fall/Spring semester (12 credit hours minimum)
- U.S. Citizen or permanent resident
- Two (2) years left before graduation (excluding summers)
- 60+ credit hours completed
- Plans to attend graduate school



### Application Components:

The RAMP application is comprised of the following:

- A. Eligibility Requirements
- B. Biographical Information
- C. Contact Information
- D. Demographic Information
- E. Academic Information
- F. Research Involvement at UCF
- G. Faculty Endorsement & Endorsement Form (Applicants must download the form from the application's Supporting Documents section)
- H. Supplementary Material (Personal Statement & Resume or CV)
- I. Future Plans
- J. Family Information
- K. Financial Information
- L. Additional Information
- M. Application Submission Agreement
- N. AAP Release Form

### Required Documentation:

Applicants must submit the following along with their online application. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

- **RAMP Faculty Mentor Endorsement** - Applicants are responsible for downloading and sending the RAMP Endorsement Form to the faculty member, who must complete all required fields and sign the form (electronic signatures will be accepted). The endorsement is a short form that should take your faculty mentor no more than 10 minutes to complete. The RAMP Endorsement Form will be used to best assess your ability for academic research and your motivation to attend graduate school. Make sure to upload the RAMP Endorsement Form to this application once completed and signed by your Faculty Mentor. NOTE: Applications WILL NOT be considered if the endorsement is not submitted with the required information and the faculty mentor's signature.
- **Personal Statement** - Applicants will be required to type their Personal Statements directly into the application. Make sure your statement describes your academic and career goals. Include your field(s) of interest, why you are interested in studying it, and why you think that participating in the Research and Mentoring Program will help you reach these goals. Ensure that this statement is well written and free of grammatical and spelling errors.
- **Resume or CV** - Make sure to submit an updated version of your Resume or CV.



**NOTES:**

1. **The application deadline is September 25, 2023.** This deadline includes the submission of the RAMP Faculty Mentor Endorsement, which must be uploaded into your application before submission.
2. We encourage all applicants to save any essays/long answers in a word document and then copy/paste into the application.
3. You may save your application at any point and continue working on it later. However, **incomplete applications will not be considered.**

**Applicants may download the *RAMP Application Guidelines* and the *Faculty Endorsement Form* from the Supporting Documents section to save and keep for their records.**

You may contact **Dr. Rocío Tonos** or **Academic Advancement Programs (AAP)** for additional information: [Rocio.Tonos@ucf.edu](mailto:Rocio.Tonos@ucf.edu) , [aap@ucf.edu](mailto:aap@ucf.edu)

*We look forward to receiving your application!*