exploreCSR

Program overview (2020)

Google Research

Increasing student pursuit of computing research is a top priority at Google, especially for students historically underrepresented in the field.

Google's exploreCSR awards support universities to host computer science research (CSR) workshops in order to increase the number of students from underrepresented groups pursuing CS graduate studies and research careers.

Read about the exploreCSR experience of Spelman College student Princess Sampson (right).

Award details

- Eligible to university faculty
- Universities may receive funding for a maximum of three non-consecutive years (up to $18,000 in the first year), with funding intended to be used in the academic year the award is provided
- Disbursed as unrestricted gifts to the university and are not intended for overhead or indirect costs

In addition to funding, awardees have the opportunity to join a quarterly community of practice meeting, participate in cross-site evaluation of student outcomes, and collaborate with Google researchers.

Since 2018:

39 awards

2,100+ students

What do exploreCSR workshops look like?

Workshops often include:

- Introductory, experiential research problems that students solve in teams with peers and faculty
- Skill building strategies for reviewing articles, designing experiments, creating posters and leveraging cutting-edge technologies
- Panels, presentations and mentorship from faculty, graduate students and industry researchers
- Advising on the graduate admission process, transition to graduate school life, and academic and financial resources
- Opportunities for students to share and discuss their questions and goals with peers
- Follow-up social events and research opportunities to engage students throughout the academic year

Learn more at research.google/outreach/explore-csr