

# The VèVè A. Clark Institute for Engaged Scholars of African American Studies

## Application Form

The VèVè A. Clark Institute is a small cadre of scholars majoring, intending to major, or otherwise intellectually invested in the discipline of African American Studies who will form an intellectual community that will prepare them to meet the rigor and intellectual demands of top graduate programs, professional schools, and postgraduate careers. The program is open to students who have declared (or intend to declare) the African American Studies major and who have at least two years remaining in their undergraduate career at UC Berkeley. Please visit the Clark Institute's website (<http://africam.berkeley.edu/clarkinstitute>) for additional information, including prerequisites for acceptance into the program. **This year the program will meet the second Friday of each month from 10 am to 12 pm, beginning September 8, 2023.**

A complete application consists

of:

- This informational form

- A one-page (single-spaced) personal statement (see prompt below)

- A five-page (double-spaced) writing sample from your college-level coursework

- An electronic copy of your unofficial transcripts. Please submit all materials electronically to: [veveclarkinstitute@berkeley.edu](mailto:veveclarkinstitute@berkeley.edu)

The steering committee for the Clark Institute will evaluate applications on the following schedule:

- All UCB students deadline: May 25, 2023, 5pm PST for Fall 2023.

Please provide the following information:

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Email:**

**Phone:**

**What high school did you attend?**

**[Transfer students only: From which postsecondary institution are you transferring?]**

**What was your first semester at UC Berkeley? Fall/Spring 20\_\_\_\_\_**

**Expected graduation date:**

**Are you involved in any other mentorship or research programs, on or off campus?**

**Please list any relevant awards/recognitions you've received since entering college:**

**Personal Statement:** In a one-page single space document, please discuss why are you interested in participating in an intellectual community that will prepare you to meet the rigor and intellectual demands of top graduate programs in African-American Studies? Feel free to share a course that you've taken, or other sources of inspiration that lead you to the field of African American Studies. Please also share a concise statement of what inspires your interest in racial equity?