CURIOUS ABOUT COMPUTER SCIENCE RESEARCH? LOOKING TO GAIN SKILLS RELATED TO CS RESEARCH?

Barnard BEARS (Better, Enhance, and Advance Research Series) an exciting program offered between the CSC and CS that aims to show Barnard students what a career in Computer Science research looks like. BEARS participants will be able to speak to faculty about their research expertise, join a pod of students with shared research interests, and have access to mentorship from a PhD or postdoc in Computer Science. This opportunity is open to Barnard students interested in Computer Science research and excited to join a tight-knit community of like-minded peers.

Who: Current Barnard students interested in majoring in Computer Science or its subfields (such as security, theory, natural language processing, data science, machine learning, networks, human-computer interaction, and robotics)

What: Two meetings per month:

- One faculty roundtable in which you will hear from faculty about their research and experiences in CS.
 - 6:00-6:45pm on the first or second Wednesday of each month: 11/10, 12/08, 01/19, 02/09, 03/09, 04/13, 05/04
- One pod meeting—you will meet with your mentor and peers over dinner in your pod to discuss (topics might include: applying to graduate programs, imposter syndrome, research topics and subfields of CS, connecting with research opportunities, diversity and inclusion)
 - Coordinated by your mentor

When: Fall 2021 – Spring 2022; two meetings per month starting at the end of October

Requirements: Enrollment in either the Fall or Spring semester for the 2020-2021 academic year at Barnard

Application opens: Wednesday September 22nd
Application Closes: Monday October 11th
Kick-off event at the end of October

Apply at: https://forms.gle/ZmxcYYmrZJSkmaFA6

Additional questions can be directed to Adam Poliak, Saima Akhtar, and Zoë Webb-Mack at bears@barnard.edu. More information about the program can be found at bears.barnard.edu.