

# ROCHESTER URBAN FELLOWS









## **Rochester Urban Fellows Program**

Who? Undergraduate students attending a Rochester-area college, and natives of the Rochester area who are attending college elsewhere, are encouraged to apply to the Urban Fellows Program.

Successful applicants will have a demonstrated interest in community or public service, urban issues, or other areas of civic engagement. Fellows receive stipends for their service with community-based organizations in Rochester.

**What?** The Urban Fellows Program emphasizes civic engagement, promotes learning about urban issues, and encourages a celebration and appreciation for cross-cultural issues and urban life. The components of the program include:

**Summer Fellowships** – Students complete a paid fellowship with agencies located in the City of Rochester. Fellowship placements are in a variety of fields, including health care, education, economic development, and youth. While student interest will be considered, placements are based on the needs of community organizations. Prior projects include leading educational enrichment activities for youth; establishing a community garden and leveraging resources to combat community food deserts; and creating nutrition programming for adults in recovery.

*Urban Issues Seminars* — Students attend daylong seminars mid-week, led by faculty members and community leaders. The seminars are designed to teach Fellows about the history, politics, demographics, and sociology of urban systems in the area. Seminars are complemented by community-engaged learning activities that include neighborhood tours, community service, and conversations with community leaders.

**Community and Cultural Activities** – Students are invited and encouraged to participate in the cultural events and activities of the City, including neighborhood festivals, neighborhood association meetings, and other recreational and cultural events. Many of these gatherings include weekend and evening participation. Some events will be mandatory.

**End-of-Summer Symposium** – Students reflect on their experiences through presentations at a symposium in July and then celebrate with each other during a Closing Ceremony in the last week. All community and college participants are invited for this celebration.

Where? The Urban Fellows Program is hosted by the University of Rochester. The program is subject to both New York State and University of Rochester policy. Therefore, the 2021 program may be in a virtual or hybrid format for summer 2021.

When? End of May through July

**Questions?** Contact Abbie Deacon, Associate Director for Civic Engagement at the University of Rochester's Center for Community Engagement, by email, <a href="mailto:adeacon@ur.rochester.edu">adeacon@ur.rochester.edu</a>, or by phone, (585) 275-5957.

# **Rochester Urban Fellows Application**

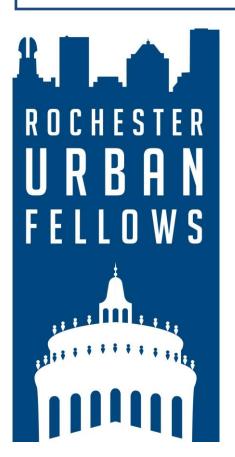
Application deadline: 5:00 PM Friday, February 19, 2021

### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST**

- ☐ Two letters of recommendation, submitted online here: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/UF2021Rec">https://tinyurl.com/UF2021Rec</a>
  We recommend including at least one academic reference. Do not include a reference from a peer.
- ☐ Short responses to the questions below, submitted in one comprehensive PDF document:
  - Why are you interested in participating in the Urban Fellows program? What do you hope to get out of the experience?
  - Define what "civic engagement" means to you.
  - Describe a time you took initiative (to accomplish a large task, address a need, etc.).

Please limit your responses to two pages.

- One-page resume highlighting your relevant experiences and skills.
- One official academic transcript from each institution that you have attended **mailed or emailed directly from your undergraduate institution(s).**



### **HOW TO APPLY**

The majority of your application will be submitted online:

### https://tinyurl.com/2021UFApp

All information will be typed directly into the web-form above, with the following exceptions:

- Your resume and short response will be directly uploaded as a PDF.
   Letters of recommendation will be submitted by the recommender here: https://tinyurl.com/UF2021Rec
- Your academic transcripts should be emailed to:

### adeacon@ur.rochester.edu

Transcripts can also be mailed or dropped off to:

Center for Community Engagement
University of Rochester
Attn: Urban Fellows
107 Lattimore Hall
PO Box 270443
Rochester, NY 14627-0443

We encourage you to clear up any questions or concerns you have before submission.

If you have any questions regarding the application, the web-form, or the Urban Fellows program, contact Abbie Deacon by email, <a href="mailto:adeacon@ur.rochester.edu">adeacon@ur.rochester.edu</a>, or by phone, (585) 275-5957.