Can international students serve as Urban Fellows?

Yes, but only a few. The Urban Fellows program greatly values the perspectives and experiences of our international student participants. The program is primarily funded by AmeriCorps VISTA, though, which limits involvement to US citizens and permanent residents. While we seek additional resources to open the opportunity to others, we have limited ability to do so.

Can I live off campus as an Urban Fellow?

Yes! While most Urban Fellows choose to take advantage of the free on-campus housing provided by the program, you are welcome to live off-campus if you prefer. Do note that this decision will not affect the value of your living allowance stipend.

Do I get to choose where I’ll be working for the summer?

After a full cohort of Urban Fellows is selected, staff members will match Urban Fellows to community partner organizations based on several factors, including: students’ interests, experience, and career goals; the needs of each community organization; and the nature of the proposed Urban Fellows projects.

What will my hours look like?

Your work hours will depend on the host site you’re matched with and the needs of that particular organization. Many Urban Fellows work a typical 9-5 schedule M/T/R/F, but some do not. For example, an Urban Fellow serving at the Public Market will likely be expected to work on Saturdays. No Urban Fellow will work at their host site more than 30 hours per week, but exact working hours are determined in conversation with host site supervisors. Wednesdays are spent participating in urban issue seminars as a cohort, which brings the weekly commitment closer to 35-40 hours.

Can I work a second job/take a class/do research while serving as an Urban Fellow?

We expect that all Urban Fellows will make their work at their host sites and all program activities their first priority. If you intend to work a second job/take a class/do research, you must clear it with your supervisor before beginning your term of service and your other commitment(s) must not interfere with your work at your host site or any other program-related activities.