



**Rochester's  
Urban Fellow  
Summer Internship**

## Urban Fellow Summer Program

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**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, a unique ten-week summer program. Fellows receive stipends of \$2,000 for their work with community based organizations and agencies in the Rochester community. The Urban Fellows Program is sponsored by University of Rochester and Leadership Rochester and is made possible through grants from the Kauffman Foundation, Rochester Area Community Foundation, City of Rochester, and NY State Senator Joseph Robach.

Successful applicants will have a demonstrated interest in community or public service, urban issues, or other areas of civic engagement.

**What?** The Urban Fellows Summer 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 will be placed in a four-day a week paid fellowship in agencies located in the City of Rochester. Fellowship placements will be in a variety of fields that include health care, education, public safety, women's issues, economic development, youth, faith-based activity, and housing. While student interest will be considered, placements will be based on the needs of the community in both profit and nonprofit settings. Projects that previous Fellows have undertaken include business recruitment and marketing plan creation for neighborhood commercial development; working on neighborhood issues alongside a City Councilperson; a study of end of life issues at an inner-city health facility; development and delivery of services for runaway and homeless teens; an arts program at a juvenile residential facility; and researching health care needs and the disparities in African American communities.

*Urban Issues Workshops* – Students will work four days at their fellowship site in the City, and will attend daylong seminars mid-week designed to allow Fellows to learn about history, politics, demographics, and the sociology of urban systems in the area. Seminars are led by University of Rochester faculty along with visiting lecturers. Each workshop day will have an experiential component that includes off-site visits, conversations with community leaders, and group discussions regarding the strengths and challenges facing the Rochester area.

*Community/Cultural Based Activities* – Students will be 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 will include weekend and evening participation. Some events will be mandatory.

*End of Summer Institute* – Students will develop a paper based on their research and experiences and present their work at the end of the summer symposia. They will prepare their presentations with supervision from staff or faculty. All community and college participants will be invited for this end of the year celebration and set of presentations.

**Where?** The Urban Fellows Program is hosted at the University of Rochester. Students are provided with campus housing and group transportation during the ten-week period. It is strongly recommended that students live on the University of Rochester campus; however allowances will be made if students request to live at home.

**How?** College students interested in the Urban Fellows Program should submit a completed application with two letters of recommendation by March 3, 2008.

**Questions?** Contact the Rochester Center for Community Leadership at the University of Rochester. Phone: (585) 275-4085

# Urban Fellow Program Application

*Deadline: March 3, 2008*

Please print or type.

## Background/Personal Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Minor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a U.S. Citizen? \_\_\_\_\_ Visa Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Campus Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a license? \_\_\_\_\_ State of Issue: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you have regular access to a car this summer that can be used for work? \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact's Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

## Recommendations

Please submit two letters of recommendations. At least one recommendation should reflect your academic abilities. **NOTE:** You are responsible for ensuring that recommendations are delivered to the Rochester Center for Community Leadership by March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Essay**

In an essay of up to 500 words, please address the following questions.

- What experience(s) have you had as background to this fellowship?
- What are your reasons for wanting to participate in this program?
- What are your possible areas of interest? (*i.e. health, economic development, public safety, youth, women, education, etc.*)

## **Resume and Transcript**

Attach your resume and transcript to this application.

### **Send completed application to:**

Rochester Center for Community Leadership  
University of Rochester  
510 Wilson Commons  
Rochester, NY 14627-0443  
Phone: (585) 275-4085  
Fax: (585) 276-0151

#### *Application Checklist:*

- Background Information*
- Recommendations (2)*
- Essays*
- Resume*
- Transcript*