

Urban Fellow Summer Program

Who? Students from Rochester and from Rochester-area colleges are encouraged to apply for paid summer fellowships sponsored by University of Rochester and Leadership Rochester. Stipends of \$2,000 are available for 2007 to fund these ten-week summer fellowships in the Rochester Community. This program is made possible through grants from the Kauffman Foundation, the City of Rochester, and NY State Senator Joseph Robach.

What? The Urban Fellows Summer Program will emphasize civic engagement, promote learning about urban issues, and encourage 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 4-day a week paid fellowship in agencies located in the City of Rochester. Leadership Rochester will seek placements in 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 for neighborhood commercial development; working on neighborhood issues with 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 research regarding health care needs and the disparities in African American communities.
- ❖ **Urban Issues Workshops** – Students will work 4 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 headed by University of Rochester faculty along with visiting lecturers. Each workshop day will have an experiential component that consists of 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 Rochester Urban Fellow Program will run out of The University of Rochester River Campus. Students will be provided 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? Area college students interested in a Rochester Urban Fellow Program should complete the application by March 1, 2007. Successful applicants will have demonstrated an interest in or volunteer experience in urban issues.

Questions?

Contact:

Leadership Rochester
510 Wilson Commons
University of Rochester
Rochester, NY 14627-0443
(585) 275-9002

Rochester's Urban Fellow Program Application

Deadline: March 1, 2007

Please print or type.

Background/Personal Information

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Are you a U.S. Citizen? (*circle*) Yes No If No, type of visa: _____

Preferred Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

College/University: _____ Class Year: _____

Major(s): _____

Minor(s): _____

Campus (In-term) Address:

Campus Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Home Address:

Home Phone: _____

Do you have a license? _____

Will you have regular access to a car this summer that could be used for work? _____

Recommendations

Please submit two letters of recommendations. At least one recommendation should be academic.

1. Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

2. Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

*You are responsible for ensuring
that recommendations are
delivered by March 1st to:*

Leadership Rochester
510 Wilson Commons
Rochester, NY 14627-0443
Fax: (585) 276-0151

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 the application.

Send completed application to:

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Application Checklist:

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