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Rochester Center for Community Leadership
Office of the Dean of Students
UNIVERSITY of ROCHESTER
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 are placed in a paid fellowship in 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** – With support from staff and faculty, students develop a poster based on their experiences and present their work at a closing symposium. All community and college participants are invited for this celebration.

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.

When? The 2023 program will tentatively run from Monday, May 22, through Friday, July 28.

Questions? Contact Emerson Carmel, Urban Fellows and Rochester Youth Year VISTA Leader at the University of Rochester’s Center for Community Engagement, by email, ecarmel@ur.rochester.edu, or by phone, (585) 275-3277.
APPLICATION REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST


  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.). What did you learn from the experience?

  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

Most of your application will be submitted online:


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

- Your resume and short responses will be directly uploaded as a PDF.
- Your academic transcripts should 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

  Transcripts can also be emailed to: community.engagement@rochester.edu

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 Emerson Carmel by email, [ecarmel@ur.rochester.edu](mailto:ecarmel@ur.rochester.edu), or by phone, (585) 275-3277.