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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. The Urban Fellows Program is sponsored by the University of Rochester and is made possible with the support of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

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, public safety, economic development, youth, and housing. While student interest will be considered, placements are based on the needs of community organizations. Prior projects include developing curricula and leading educational enrichment activities for youth; establishing a community garden and leveraging resources to combat community food deserts; establishing a group visit program for local diabetics; and recruiting businesses and creating a market plan for neighborhood commercial development.

**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.

Due to the generous support of the Corporation for National and Community Service, some Urban Fellows will simultaneously serve as AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associates.

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? Wednesday, May 18, 2016 - Wednesday, July 27, 2016 (dates are subject to change).

Questions? Contact Abbie Deacon, Assistant Director at the University of Rochester’s Center for Community Leadership, by email, adeacon@ur.rochester.edu, or by phone, (585) 275-5957.
APPLICATION REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST

☐ Two sealed letters of recommendation. We require that one is an academic reference and recommend that one is a character reference.
☐ One-page cover letter addressing applicable previous experiences related to this fellowship and your motivation for applying.
☐ One-page resume highlighting your relevant experiences and skills.
☐ One official academic transcript from each institution that you have attended mailed directly from your undergraduate institution(s).

HOW TO APPLY

The majority of your application will be submitted online:

podio.com/webforms/14021787/942258

All information will be typed directly into the web-form above, with three exceptions:
• Your resume will be directly uploaded as an attachment.
• Your academic transcripts and letters of recommendation should be mailed to:

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

Materials can also be dropped off in Lattimore 107.

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, adeacon@ur.rochester.edu, or by phone, (585) 275-5957.