Apply now: Undergraduate Community-Based Internship (UCBI)
Deadline: Sunday, October 20

Undergraduate Community-Based Internships (UCBI) is a paid internship program that places students in nonprofit and public sector organizations. Students interested in public service get the chance to explore, contribute, and grow as they work in, with, and for local communities.

Students and Organizations

UW undergraduates from any field of study and academic year are encouraged to apply! We seek students who are interested in community engagement personally and/or professionally. We welcome students of all races, ethnicities, genders, sexualities, religious affiliations, and areas of interest.

It is our hope that our student interns will reflect the diverse communities with which we partner. Our host organizations work with a variety of populations throughout the greater Seattle area. Please see our website to view a list of our previous community partners.

Interns will be supported by UCBI Student Mentors, Site Supervisors, and the UCBI Program Manager.

*If you have previously participated in UCBI, please contact Katie Wallace for information about additional community engagement opportunities.

Time Commitment

The program runs from January 6, 2020 - June 5, 2020. Student interns work on site at their host organizations 10 hours/week during winter and spring quarters (excluding finals and breaks). In addition, interns spend two hours/week in weekly cohort meetings with peers and student mentors.

These mandatory meetings take place on Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00, allowing students to dive deeper into relevant issues they will encounter related to power, privilege, identity, and systems of oppression.

Important Dates

- Application deadline: 11:59PM on 10/20
- Interviews: 6:00-8:00PM on 10/29, 10/30 & 11/7
  (Please save the dates and times above. You should plan to be available for at least two of the three dates. Details to follow if you are selected to interview.)
- Intern Orientation: 6:30-8:00PM on 11/20
- Initial site visits/site orientations: 12/2 - 12/6
- Program dates: 1/6/20 - 6/5/20
Perks & Benefits

- Take your learning off campus and (re)connect with communities
- Earn an educational stipend of $2,000 per quarter
- Dive into a topic or issue you’re passionate about and explore career opportunities
- Learn more about power, privilege, identity, and systems of oppression through community engagement and peer support
- Receive mentorship and coaching from experienced student mentors and nonprofit/public sector leaders
- Engage in professional development opportunities, and build your personal and professional networks with your cohort and partner organization

Qualifications & Responsibilities

- Contribute meaningful work by partnering with nonprofit and public sector organizations in serving local communities
- Collaborate with community partners to develop reciprocal and equitable relationships
- Engage in intentional reflection and grounded discussions regarding power, privilege, identity, equity, and systems of oppression
- Attend 1:1 meetings with UCBI Student Mentors two times per quarter
- Attend UCBI Orientation on Wednesday, November 20, 6:30 - 8:00PM
- Attend weekly cohort meetings Wednesday evenings, 6:30 - 8:00PM, for professional development, skill-based workshops, community engagement, and reflection
- Develop personal and professional goals
- Deliver public presentations to showcase learning at the end of the program

How to Apply

Applications are online at https://tinyurl.com/UCBI2020. Please upload your resume and cover letter (see prompts below) at the end of the application.

In no more than a page, please write a cover letter that addresses the following questions:

1. Why are you motivated to be a part of the Undergraduate Community-Based Internship program?
2. What do you hope to learn from the internship?
3. What aspect of social justice is most important to you and why?
4. In terms of your professional development, describe an area of strength and an area of growth.
Questions? Please contact ucbiteam@uw.edu or call (206) 543-4282. You can also reach Katie Wallace, UCBI Program Manager, directly at kwallac1@uw.edu.