

MIAMI UNIVERSITY

2008 URBAN LEADERSHIP INTERNSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

Please complete the questions below. Your application will be read twice by faculty and staff members who will be looking for evidence of motivation and self-directed learning, skills attained through previous work and volunteer experience, potential for learning through an interdisciplinary work experience, and demonstrated interest in learning about an urban area.

Attach to your application:

1. A **résumé** that we may share with potential internship employers. For assistance in résumé preparation, call Katie Egart at 529-3389 or email at egartmk@muohio.edu as soon as possible.
2. Answers to the essay questions.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2007
HONORS OFFICE
96 BISHOP HALL

NAME: _____

BANNER ID: _____

CAMPUS ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ CAMPUS PHONE: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

_____ HOME PHONE: _____

CLASS STANDING, FALL 2007: SOPHOMORE: _____ JUNIOR: _____

MU OVERALL GPA: _____ HONORS: (Y) (N) OX SCHOLAR (Y) (N)

MAJOR(S) AND MINORS: _____

WHAT ARE YOUR LONG TERM CAREER GOALS?

The Urban Leadership Internship will include exposure to both profit and non-profit sectors. Please check any number of the following as potential intern sites that may be of interest to you. Feel free to suggest other areas, or specific internship sites which interest you.

ARTS _____ BUSINESS _____

EDUCATION _____ SOCIAL SCIENCES _____

GOVERNMENT/LAW _____ HEALTHCARE _____

SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS OR INTERESTS: _____

CITY PREFERENCE AND HOUSING

The Urban Leadership Internship Program does not provide housing. Students usually live either at home or find housing together in the urban area of the internship. As exposure and immersion in an urban environment is one of the goals of the program, living in Oxford during the internship is not an option.

Please rank the cities in terms of your interest in being placed there and note whether you have housing [Y or N]. If your first choice is a city in which you do not have housing please explain how you plan to secure housing and if you would apply for a small housing stipend if available. All cities not necessarily included in any given year's program.

COLUMBUS _____ [H:] CINCINNATI _____ [H:]

CLEVELAND [H:] CHICAGO _____ [H:] NO PREFERENCE _____

HOUSING PLANS: _____

INTERNSHIP AGREEMENT

I understand that if I accept an internship with the Urban Internship Program I agree to participate in a Sprint course in the Spring term (Thursdays, 5:30-6:45 PM, Feb. 14 – April 24, 2008), and two evening group meetings in the summer. I understand that I will have eleven written assignments during the summer. I further understand that failure to comply with this agreement could affect my participation in the program and my stipend.

Your signature: _____ Date: _____

ESSAY QUESTIONS

On separate sheets of paper, please type answers to the following questions. Your responses will be evaluated on content, grammar and style, and concrete, experience-based answers.

- I. DISCUSS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT LEARNING EXPERIENCE YOU HAVE HAD, EITHER IN OR OUT OF THE CLASSROOM. WHY WAS IT SIGNIFICANT AND WHAT CONTRIBUTED TO YOUR LEARNING? (approximately 350-500 words)

- II. DESCRIBE ONE ORGANIZATIONAL INVOLVEMENT, EITHER CURRENT OR IN THE PAST, IN WHICH YOU HANDLED A SIGNIFICANT RESPONSIBILITY OR WERE CHALLENGED IN A SIGNIFICANT WAY. WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO TO FURTHER DEVELOP YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS? (approximately 250 words)

- III. DESCRIBE A COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPERIENCE, EITHER ONE YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED IN OR ONE THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN, THAT EMBODIES YOUR DEFINITION OF SERVICE. FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE, WHAT ARE THE KEY ELEMENTS OF THE EXPERIENCE THAT DISTINGUISHES IT AS SERVICE? (approximately 250 words)

- IV. EXPLAIN WHY YOU ARE SEEKING AN INTERNSHIP IN AN URBAN AREA. HOW DO YOU PLAN TO ACTIVELY ENGAGE IN THE CITY? WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO LEARN THROUGH THIS ENGAGEMENT? (approximately 250 words)

Letter of REFERENCE

*Please give the attached letter of recommendation form to someone who can comment on your potential for success in an internship and your ability to work well with others. Have him or her return it in **a signed, sealed envelope** to the Honors office no later than **November 14, 2007**. Your application is not complete without the letter of recommendation. Be sure that it is in the office by the deadline or your application cannot be considered complete.*

**MIAMI UNIVERSITY
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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

DUE NOVEMBER 14, 2007

**UNIVERSITY HONORS AND SCHOLARS PROGRAM
96 BISHOP HALL MIAMI UNIVERSITY
OXFORD, OH 45056
FAX: (513) 529-4920
Egartmk@muohio.edu**

NAME OF STUDENT: _____

HOW YOU KNOW THE STUDENT: _____

The goal of the Urban Leadership Internship Program is to foster the personal and professional development of Miami University's best students and engage them in the challenges of urban life. Students selected to the program should be able to work independently and responsibly while fulfilling the program requirements.

Program components include a sprint seminar to orient students to learning through experience, a paid summer internship in either Columbus, Cincinnati, Cleveland or Chicago in the student's field of study, a service-learning component, and opportunities throughout the summer to share experiences and reflect on their personal and professional development in group meetings and journal activities.

Students will be living and working independently in one of the cities this summer. Please give your assessment of the student's ability to be responsible in a self-guided, independent situation.

Please write a short, targeted reference commenting on the following:

- The student's intellectual curiosity and ability to apply it to experience
- The student's ability to follow through on commitments
- The student's judgement and maturity, ability for responsible self reliance
- The student's ability to communicate and work well with others

**PLEASE RETURN IN A SEALED, SIGNED ENVELOPE OR BY PERSONAL EMAIL
OR FAX BY NOVEMBER 15, 2007.**

Thank you very much for your help. (Please contact Katie Egart, (513) 529-3389 or egartmk@muohio.edu with any questions.)