



**MIAMI UNIVERSITY**

**2010 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](mailto:egartmk@muohio.edu) as soon as possible.
2. Answers to the essay questions.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2009**  
**HONORS OFFICE**  
**96 BISHOP HALL**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

BANNER ID: \_\_\_\_\_

CAMPUS ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS STANDING, FALL 2009: SOPHOMORE: \_\_\_\_\_ JUNIOR: \_\_\_\_\_

MU OVERALL GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ HONORS: (Y) (N)

MAJOR(S) AND MINORS: \_\_\_\_\_

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WHAT ARE YOUR LONG TERM CAREER GOALS?

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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. All cities not necessarily included in any given year's program. You will not necessarily get your first choice of city.*

CINCINNATI \_\_\_\_\_ [H: ] DAYTON \_\_\_\_\_ [H: ]

CLEVELAND \_\_\_\_\_ [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. 19 – April 30, 2010), 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. Word count is approximate suggestion.*

- 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? (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? (300-350 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? (300-350 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? (250-300 words)

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### 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 9, 2009**. 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 HONORS AND SCHOLARS PROGRAM  
2010 URBAN LEADERSHIP INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

***LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION***

**DUE NOVEMBER 9, 2009**

**UNIVERSITY HONORS AND SCHOLARS PROGRAM  
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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 Cincinnati, Cleveland or Dayton 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, capacity 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 MONDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2009.**

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