
Urban Public Policy Fellowship

The **Urban Public Policy Fellowship (UPPF)** program is a leadership development program designed to expose historically underrepresented minority undergraduate students at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) to key public policy issues. The program provides Fellows with weekly seminars offering a solid introduction to theory and practice in the areas of public policymaking, advocacy, community development, and service provision and also a valuable internship experience.

The goal of the program is to pair fellows with partner organizations who can provide students with insight into the inner-workings of government, community-based initiatives, non-for profits, and public policy. Fellows identify, research, and develop a public policy project guided by a research question that enhances their internship experience with partner organizations and are given the opportunity to present their public policy projects at an annual research conference.

What we require of our fellows:

- Commit 10 hours a week to the UPPF program, eight of which will be at an internship site during the fall semester and reduced to five hours in the spring semester.
- Complete expected work in a timely manner.
- Wear appropriate attire for work.
- Exhibit professional behavior.
- Participate in weekly seminars, workshops, and other activities assigned by the UPPF program.

What we ask of our partners:

- Assist fellows with potential information about your organization and policy issues.
- Assign significant work for fellow to gain practical work experience.
- Schedule one-on-one meetings with fellow for at least 30 minutes each week.
- Provide useful feedback on the fellow's work.

The Urban Public Policy Fellowship (UPPF) program is administered through the Institute for Policy and Civic Engagement (IPCE), in partnership with the Latin American Recruitment and Educational Services Program (LARES) and the African-American Academic Network (AAAN). Selection of Fellows and program implementation are coordinated through these offices.

Students are screened and selected through a competitive application process that includes comprehensive criteria such as academic grade point average, history of civic engagement, leadership, and a personal statement. The UPPF committee manages the seminars, leadership activities, placements, and the progress of fellowship participants.

If you would like more information about the UPPF program or interested in becoming a partner, please contact IPCE Program Coordinator Catalina Nava at (312) 355-0154 or via email: cnavas2@uic.edu.