

National Urban Fellows Facts



National Urban Fellows prepares men and women of all ethnic and racial backgrounds to be accomplished and courageous leaders with a strong commitment to equity and social justice serving public and private organizations.

OVERVIEW

National Urban Fellows is a not-for-profit, 501(c) 3 organization. Founded in 1969, National Urban Fellows was first affiliated with the National League of Cities, the U.S. Conference of Mayors and Yale University.

Today, National Urban Fellows is recognized among the country's most effective leadership development institutions for its identification, recruitment, and training of people of color and women for leadership and policy making positions in urban areas across the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

IMPACT

National Urban Fellows has graduated over 1,000 multi-ethnic, multicultural men and women who hold policy making positions as mayors, city and county managers, commissioners, and officers of major nonprofit and philanthropic organizations.

PROGRAM

The National Urban Fellows program selects 40-50 Fellows annually for a rigorous 14-month full-time graduate program comprising two semesters of academic course work and a nine-month mentorship, leading to a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree from the City University of New York's Baruch College, School of Public Affairs.

“Leadership is lifting a person’s vision to high sights, the raising of a person’s performance to a higher standard, the building of a personality beyond its normal limitations.”

—PETER F. DRUCKER

PROGRAM ELEMENTS

- First summer semester at Baruch College
- Nine-month mentorship assignment
- Final summer semester at Baruch College
- Life-long development network

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- U.S. Citizenship
- Bachelor's degree
- Demonstrated leadership abilities
- Meet admission requirements of Baruch College
- High standard of integrity and work ethic
- Possess self-discipline and interpersonal and problem-solving skills
- 5 - 7 years' work experience in a managerial or administrative capacity
- Willingness to relocate for mentorship assignment

FELLOWSHIP AWARD BENEFITS

- \$25,000 for 14-month fellowship
- Health insurance
- Full payment of tuition
- Reimbursement of relocation and travel expenses, book allowance
- Ongoing personal and professional development

SELECTION PROCESS

- Nationwide recruitment campaign
- NUF Screening Committee selects finalists
- Rigorous Interview Committee experience
- Selection based upon personal and group interviews and submitted documents
- Committees comprise NUF Board members and staff, program alumni, mentors, and Baruch College faculty