

The Summer Academy is an initiative of the **Urban Institute** created to address the underrepresentation of minorities and persons from distressed communities in public policy research. The **year-long fellowship** begins with an intensive **eight-week** summer program on location at the **Urban Institute in Washington, D.C.** - the nation's capitol and the heart of policymaking. Our summer program gives students between their junior and senior year of college the **research skills** and career **exposure** crucial to obtaining highly competitive entry positions in the field. After students successfully complete the summer program, we follow up with continued mentoring, research conference opportunities, job and graduate school counseling, and research paper publication during their final year of college.

Expenses covered plus stipend

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Read about our 2010 class of Summer Fellows!



Rossana Espinoza is majoring in government and politics at the University of Maryland, College Park. A native of Bolivia, Rossana lives in Silver Spring, MD and is a Ronald E. McNair scholar. While at the Urban Institute, she will explore factors of the Latino student educational experience and how they associate with their college enrollment.



Reed Frye, from Santa Cruz, CA, is a public policy and economics major at Brown University. This summer, he will examine the relationship between the supply of single room occupancy housing and homelessness.



Jose Gonzalez is a sociology major and global development studies minor at Grinnell College. While at the Urban Institute, he will explore the socioeconomic characteristics of remittance senders.



Chantal Hailey is a sociology major and community development minor at Howard University. A native of Dallas, TX, she is also a Robert E. McNair scholar. Chantal will examine the education of children relocated through HOPE VI.



Linnea Lassiter is majoring in political science with a concentration in public policy and a minor in peace and conflict studies at George Washington University. Linnea, who is from Seattle, WA, will be exploring the relationship between punitive school safety policies and neighborhood segregation.



Alexandr Maza is majoring in political science and economics at Ohio University. He is from Dayton, OH. This summer, Alex will examine racial disparities in drug court processing and outcomes.



Jose de Jesus Pesina is an economics major and health policy minor at Harvard University. While participating in the Summer Academy, he will explore financial incentives for college attendance in the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). Jose is from Brownsville, TX.



Jewels Rhode, from New York, NY, is majoring in psychology at Smith College. This summer, Jewels will examine environmental and cultural influences that are associated with county level variation in child obesity rates.



Tiffany Smalley, our Urban Institute-National Congress of American Indians scholar, is a government major and ethnic studies minor at Harvard University. Tiffany, who is from the Aquinnah Wampanoag tribe, will be developing a dataset which incorporates information on culturally affiliated items and human remains that are potentially subject to repatriation under the Native American Graves and Repatriation Act.



Laura Zapata is majoring in government and minoring in anthropology at Dartmouth College. From Memphis, TN, Laura will explore the implications of enforcement-only immigration policies in the state of Tennessee.

UI Leadership



Lynette Rawlings, Ph.D. founded and directs the Summer Academy. Dr. Rawlings develops and oversees the program curriculum, provides support and guidance to the students' development as researchers, and heads the student selection and mentor pairing processes. She is also a Senior Research Associate in UI's Metropolitan Housing and Communities Policy Center.



Ashley Williams is the Director of Operations for the Summer Academy. Ms. Williams oversees program scheduling, logistics, and outreach. In addition she manages the Summer Academy's online content and assists the Technical Skills team with SAS and GIS instruction. Ms. Williams is also a Research Assistant in UI's Metropolitan Housing and Communities Policy Center.



Jose Loya is the Program Associate for the Summer Academy. Mr. Loya provides program assistance and supports daily operations. In addition, Mr. Loya provides technical support to the Technical Skills team and serves as a liaison to students.

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