

# DREAM SUMMER 2016

## Application Guide

### ABOUT DREAM SUMMER

Dream Summer is a national fellowship program of the Dream Resource Center. The US Senate's failure to pass the DREAM Act in 2010 sparked conversations among immigrant youth leaders on how to effectively sustain the immigrant youth movement, giving birth to Dream Summer, a national fellowship program that:

- empowers immigrant youth to be the next generation of social justice leaders through leadership and professional development opportunities;
- creates safe and healing spaces for immigrant youth to connect with each other and explore their identities;
- and promotes an intersectional, cross-racial, and multi-generational approach to social justice that addresses the needs of immigrant communities.

Moving into its sixth year, the Dream Summer program has provided over 500 fellowship opportunities to immigrant youth and allies throughout the nation. Dream Summer participants have engaged in social justice work and movement building by addressing the intersections of immigrant rights issues with queer and transgender communities, labor and worker rights, the Asian Pacific Islander community, mass incarceration and deportations perpetuated by the criminalization of people of color, and health care access for all.

Participants are placed in social justice organizations for 10 weeks and work closely with their host organization to incorporate and strengthen the inclusion of undocumented immigrant issues onto the organization's social justice work. Dream Summer participants receive a \$5,000.

### WHO IS ADMITTED INTO THE DREAM SUMMER PROGRAM?

Dream Summer 2016 is open to both highly involved social justice leaders and those who wish to begin or strengthen their involvement in social justice. We welcome various types of leadership styles and value the diversity of roles that make a social justice movement possible. If you are an artist, event planner, grant writer, graphic designer, researcher, photographer, social media guru, have strong public speaking and/or writing skills, data analysis, data entry, web developer, workshop facilitator, language interpreter/translator, or have any other skill that you would like to utilize to advance a social justice movement, this is the program for you.

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### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- At least 18 years of age by June 13, 2016.
- An Interest and commitment to social justice.
- Full-time availability from Monday, June 13, to Friday, August 19, 2016.
- Available to travel on Sunday, June 12 to attend the orientation retreat hosted in Los Angeles from Monday, June 13, to Friday, June 17, 2016.
- Available to travel on Tuesday, August 16 to attend the closing retreat hosted in Los Angeles from Wednesday, August 17, to Friday, August 19, 2016.
- **Submit online application form by 11:59 p.m PST, Friday, March 4, 2016.**

### APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Review the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) document at:  
<http://www.labor.ucla.edu/what-we-do/dream-resource-center/>
2. Request a letter of recommendation. The letter can be requested from someone you think can best describe the skills and talents that you want to highlight (eg, someone from a campus student group or community-based group/organization, teacher, professor, employer). The letter must include a *signature* and *contact information* such as e-mail and/or phone number. The online application form will require you to upload a PDF document of your letter of recommendation.  
*Tip: Be sure to give your recommender 2 weeks or more to write you a letter*
3. Prepare your resume. The online form will require you to upload a PDF or Microsoft Word document  
*Tip: For strong resume suggestions please visit: <http://bit.ly/1vWxjFi>*
4. Prepare your responses to prompt A, prompt B, and prompt C. The online form will require you to upload a PDF or Microsoft document with the three prompt responses.

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### **Prompt A**

Why are you applying to Dream Summer? How will your participation in Dream Summer support your leadership and professional growth? 350-400 words.

### **Prompt B**

How have your identities impacted your life experiences and shaped who you are? Examples of what to consider: gender, class, sexual orientation, ethnicity, ability, religion, and anything else that you believe contributes to who you are. 350-400 words.

### **Prompt C**

What is your personal connection to immigrant rights? How have immigration issues affected you personally, your family, community, loved ones, etc.? 350-400 words.

## **5. Fill out [Dream Summer Fellowship](#) application and up load documents by the deadline: Friday March 4th at 11:59 p.m PST.**

- a. Application Link: copy and paste in your web browser

**[http://laborucla.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV\\_1YyAA1dJgcRSYzf](http://laborucla.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_1YyAA1dJgcRSYzf)**

For questions or concerns, please contact Dream Summer coordinators at the following E-mail address: [2016dreamsummer@gmail.com](mailto:2016dreamsummer@gmail.com)

For more current updates please visit:

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