

# DREAM SUMMER 2015

## APPLICATION GUIDE FOR PROSPECTIVE PARTICIPANTS

### ABOUT DREAM SUMMER

Dream Summer is a national internship 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 internship 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 fifth year, the Dream Summer program has provided 418 internship 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, 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. Dream Summer interns 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 \$5,000 award for their completion and participation in the program.**

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

Dream Summer 2015 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.

### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

- **At least 18 years of age by June 15th, 2015.**
- **An Interest and commitment to social justice.**
- **Full time availability from Monday, June, 15th to Friday, August, 21st, 2015.**
- **Available to travel on Sunday, June 14th to attend the orientation retreat hosted in Los Angeles from Monday, June, 15th to Friday, June, 19th, 2015**
- **Available to travel on Tuesday, August 18th to attend the closing retreat hosted in Los Angeles from Wednesday, August 19th to Friday, August 21st, 2015**
- **Submit online application form by Sunday, March 1st, 2015 at 11:59 p.m. PST**

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### APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Review the Frequently Asked Questions document at: [labor.ucla.edu/what-we-do/dream-resource-center/](http://labor.ucla.edu/what-we-do/dream-resource-center/)
2. Request a letter of recommendation from someone you think can best describe the skills and talents that you want to highlight (i.e someone from a campus student group or community-based group/organization, teacher, professor, employer, etc.). 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.
3. Prepare your resume. The online form will require you to upload a PDF or Microsoft Word document  
*\* For strong resume tips 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.

#### **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 the immigrant rights struggle? How has immigration affected you personally, your family, your community, your loved ones, etc.? 350-400 words.

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5. Submit the online application form at: <http://bit.ly/1A8iYXE> by our deadline **Sunday, March 1st, 2015 at 11:59 p.m. PST.**

For questions or concerns, please contact Dream Summer Youth Outreach coordinators Graciela Lopez and Mayra Yoana Peña at (213) 480-4155 ext 221 or at the following e-mail address [dreamsummer2015@gmail.com](mailto:dreamsummer2015@gmail.com)

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