

# DREAM SUMMER 2017

## Fellowship Application Guide

### About Dream Summer

Dream Summer is a national fellowship program established by the UCLA Dream Resource Center.

In 2010, immigrant youth leaders were moved by the US Senate's failure to pass the DREAM Act to build out a methodology that could sustain the immigrant youth movement and develop future leaders. The result was the inaugural Dream Summer program, a national fellowship program that:

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

Moving into its seventh year, the Dream Summer program has provided over 560 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 in conjunction with the organization's social justice work. Dream Summer participants receive a \$5,000.

### Who Is Admitted Into the Dream Summer Program?

Dream Summer 2017 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 19, 2017.
- An Interest and commitment to social justice.
- Full-time availability from Monday, June 19th, to Sunday, August 20, 2017.
- Available to travel on Sunday, June 18 to attend the orientation retreat hosted in Los Angeles from Monday, June 19, to Friday, June 23, 2017.
- Available to travel on Thursday, August 17 to attend the closing retreat hosted in Los Angeles from Friday, August 18, to Sunday, August 20, 2017.
- Submit online application form **by 11:59 PM PST, Friday, March 10, 2017.**

### Application Process

Review the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) document at:

[http://www.labor.ucla.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/2017\\_DS\\_FAQ.pdf](http://www.labor.ucla.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/2017_DS_FAQ.pdf)

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 (e.g. someone from a campus student group or community-based group/organization, teacher, professor, employer). Your letter can be from anyone that can speak to your abilities – it does not have to be related to academics or employment if those resources are not available to you.

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.

Prepare your resume. The online form will require you to upload a PDF or Microsoft Word document

**\*Tip:** For strong resume suggestions please visit the [UCLA Career Center Guides](#)

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.

**\*Tip:** If you are highly interested in a specific cohort, incorporate those issues within your prompt answers. Be as descriptive and detailed as possible.

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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? (500 words max)

- **Prompt B**

How have immigration issues affected you personally, your family, community, loved ones, etc.? How have **your other 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. (500 words max)

- **Prompt C**

Describe your current or future connection to immigrant rights work. What specific problem concerns you the most given the current status of immigrant rights? How would you envision addressing this issue? (500 words max)

Fill out our [Fellowship Application](#) and upload documents by the deadline: **Friday, March 10th at 11:59 PM PST.**

Application Link (copy and paste in your web browser): <http://bit.ly/DS17Application>

For questions or concerns, please contact Dream Summer coordinators at the following E-mail address: [2017dreamsummer@gmail.com](mailto:2017dreamsummer@gmail.com)

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