



Bonner Center for Civic Engagement

Civic Fellowship Application Supplement

The Bonner Center for Civic Engagement supports five civic fellowships: the Burhans Civic Fellowship, the Marsh Civic Fellowship, the DeBusk Civic Fellowship, the Abby Brown Ayers Civic Fellowship, and in partnership with the Robins School of Business the Business Societal Impact Fellowship.

To apply:

- Complete the mandatory online URSF module. Access to the online program can be found here: <https://ursf.richmond.edu/apply/index.html>
- Identify the faculty mentor you would like to work with and ask them if they will serve as a mentor. If you are having trouble identifying a mentor, then please reach out to Derek Miller (dmiller4@richmond.edu).
- Complete the on-line application. Part of the application must be completed with your mentor. The on-line application can be found at: <https://ursf.richmond.edu/apply/index.html>

You and your mentor should discuss the application in its entirety to ensure a mutual understanding before completing your respective parts and then submitting one finalized version of the application that includes all materials.

If you have questions, please contact Civic Fellows Program Director Dr. Derek Miller (dmiller4@richmond.edu or 804-484-1609).

Questions that every applicant for every URSF program must answer:

1. Please indicate the name of your internship or your first choice internship site:
2. What tasks will you/do you hope to complete or what projects will you be/hope to be working on?
3. If you have not secured an internship, what steps have you taken so far to secure a summer internship? Be specific. Include organization names, application timelines, and any other information you have to demonstrate the work you have done in preparation for a summer internship.
4. List 3-5 specific goals you have for this experience that relate to your academic experience and professional development. Use concrete, measurable terms (e.g., specific skills you will gain, projects you hope to complete).

Below are questions you will find on the URSF on-line application specific to the Civic Fellows Program:

Questions to be answered by the applicant:

1. List coursework or independent research relevant to this fellowship.
2. List any additional experiences relevant to this fellowship.
3. **Civic Commitment:** Through the Civic Fellows program, we hope students will deepen their understanding of their Civic Commitment. The CCE defines Civic Commitment as: "Developing one's commitment to and effectiveness in participation in public processes." Please describe how you see this internship and your academic work with your mentor advancing your civic commitment. What specific knowledge and skills do you hope to attain this summer that will support the development of your civic commitment? (**maximum of 2000 characters**)
4. **Civic Engagement and Climate Change:** In drafting their 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the United Nations understood that ending poverty and supporting peace could not happen without also dealing with climate change. And indeed, that these are not separate but interrelated processes. As you consider your internship and your civic and social issues of exploration, how do you see climate change and/or sustainability intersecting with these issues? (note: your internship does not have to be about sustainability to still connect) (**maximum of 2000 characters**)
5. **Organization Information:** Provide background information about the organization for which you will work, including the organization's website URL (if possible) and its central mission and activities. Please explain why you applied to this organization in terms of your academic and civic engagement goals. For those applying to the Business Societal Impact Fellowship to intern with a for-profit company, please state how you see a connection between the civic and social issues that you wish to explore and the stakeholders impacted by the organization. These stakeholders could include employees, suppliers, customers, shareholders/owners, government, creditors, community, amongst others. (**maximum of 2000 characters**)
6. **Other commitments:** List any employment or other significant time commitments for the summer in which the internship will occur. Place n/a if no other commitments.

Questions to be answered by the applicant and their faculty mentor together:

1. Mentor Name:
2. Mentor Campus mailing address:
3. Mentor Campus telephone extension:
4. Mentor Email:
5. Mentor UR ID:
6. Mentor UR department or unit:
7. Mentor faculty status, or, if not a member of the faculty, staff status:

8. **Academic grounding and proposed mentoring of the student:** A fundamental component of this fellowship is the academically based reflection and analysis of civic and social issues related to the student's internship. Describe the nature and depth of the academic work the student will undertake in support of and connection to the internship. Be specific with respect to sample reading and writing assignments the student will complete. Describe the mentoring that will be provided for the student throughout the internship. **(maximum of 3500 characters)**
9. **Mentoring commitment:** Mentors are expected to check in with their student at least five times during the internship (ideally once every two to three weeks, including at the beginning and end of the internship) to discuss and reflect upon the academic component of the Civic or Business and Societal Impact Fellowship. Please explain how the mentor will commit to such a schedule and how the mentor will check in with the student (e.g. synchronous in-person or virtual meetings, e-mail correspondence, phone conversations, etc.).
10. **Anticipated learning outcomes:** Specify potential measurable gains in the student's educational development and/or career preparation. Examples may include publications, conference presentations, graduate or professional school, professional exploration, etc. **(maximum of 3500 characters)**
11. **Compensation or credit:** The Bonner Center for Civic Engagement will award a \$1,000 stipend to any faculty or qualified staff member mentoring a Civic Fellow, unless the mentor is already receiving financial compensation or course-load credit for this project. If the mentor is or will already be receiving financial or course-load credit for mentoring this student, please explain here.