



# URBAN EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

**T**he Urban Experience Program prides itself on supporting the mission of the University of Houston by expanding opportunities for educationally and economically underserved citizens. The Urban Experience Program (UEP) creates academic opportunities through the promotion of scholarship, community service and personal/professional development. In addition, UEP supports mentorships and internships as conduits for student success and the development of well-trained professionals.

In creating the foundation for the students, UEP staff provides opportunities and resources for underserved students to expand their skills. UEP provides the support system for students to succeed in college and beyond.

**Global Empowerment Fund-** The program funds will allow UEP participants to obtain real world access to their major field of study by pairing the UEP student with a mentor. The mentoring forum provides junior and senior students the pathway to create a network of people beyond the classroom. Our students are not normally

familiar with anyone that is currently working in their selected field of study, and sometimes reach graduation without the necessary networking skills, career tools and industry knowledge it takes to become a force in the global arena. This program invites inspirational and motivational speakers to speak on campus, and also offers empowerment and comprehensive industry readiness before and after graduation through one-on-one job shadowing.

**UEP Living Learning Community Scholarships-** This program allows participants to build connections with students, develop a sense of community, more easily access on campus resources and receive academic/ social programming targeted toward their specific needs. In order to ensure success, students will arrive early in the summer and participate in a transitional program throughout the summer and prior to the fall move-in. This program will allow students to learn about the campus environment and interact with their peers. Upperclassmen in UEP will serve as mentors, sharing both their stories and ideas of what it takes to achieve success at UH.

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