



SECOND WAVE CALL FOR SERVICE LEARNING FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Blum Initiative on Global & Regional Poverty is pleased to announce the second wave call for the *Blum Initiative Service Learning Fellowship* (BISLF). Currently enrolled UCR undergraduate and graduate students who would like to pursue an immersive volunteer or internship position with an anti-poverty organization in our region are encouraged to apply. The BISLF affords students the unique opportunity to learn about poverty while serving a community or population in-need.

Applicants will **apply to be considered for a fellowship with one and/or all of the organizations below** and, if selected, will receive a fellowship **stipend of up to \$3,600.00** to subsidize the cost of living during the fellowship.

Fellowship with **Community Action Partnership of Riverside County**

- Complete 200 hours between July 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020
- Option to work remotely at discretion of organization
- Experience might include, but is not limited to:
 - Assisting in planning a needs assessment in response to the COVID-19 pandemic
 - Conducting and coordinating research in the community and among service providers to improve service delivery to low-income populations
 - Researching effective solutions to COVID-19 aftermath, in comparison with other economic crises (e.g. the Great Recession, etc.)
 - Assisting with outreach and involving community in advocacy
 - Working with community partners toward strengthening and expanding partnerships

Fellowship with **UCR's Healthy Campus Initiative**

- Complete 200 hours between July 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020
- Option to work remotely at discretion of host organization
- Experience might include, but is not limited to:
 - Supporting the UCR Healthy Campus Implementation plan, Advisory Committee, and Subcommittee plans for healthy culture change
 - Working with Healthy Eating and Nutrition subcommittee on a project to increase health food/food security for low income communities
 - Working with The Well and other partners on financial wellness, basic needs, etc. workshops, with particular target to the low income community of students, staff, and faculty
 - Working with Healthy Beverage Initiative to increase water access through promotions/education
 - Supporting Healthy Campus research and evaluation, data collection, tracking, and reporting

Learn more about these organizations and the fellowships on pages 3 and 4.

For general questions regarding the fellowship or application requirements, please contact the Blum Initiative at blum@ucr.edu.

ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

Applications are invited from all UC Riverside undergraduate or graduate students, who have a) completed at least one quarter of coursework at UCR prior to the application deadline, b) are currently enrolled in a degree-seeking program, c) are in good academic standing, and d) will not have graduated prior to August 31, 2020.

Applicants will only be considered if the application is fully completed and all supplemental forms are submitted via email by the deadline

Deadline & Submission

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, beginning on June 8, 2020. The final deadline for submission is June 19, 2020.

All materials must be submitted electronically to the Blum Initiative at blum@ucr.edu with the applicant's last name, department, and "BISLF" in the subject line.

REVIEW

The Blum Initiative's will assess applications by considering the extent to which the proposal aligns with the objectives of the Blum Initiative and meaningfully contributes to the student's education and understanding of poverty and inequality. Decisions should be made promptly and applicants will be notified via email.

APPLICATION

Please make sure you complete the following steps prior to submitting your application. Incomplete applications will NOT be considered.

1. Identify the organization(s) you would like to be considered for. (Note: Applying to be considered for all organizations will increase the likelihood of your application being selected.)
2. **Compile an application that includes the following materials:**
 1. A **cover sheet** with your name, contact information, status at UCR (date of enrollment, expected completion date, program/major/school), and the organization(s) for which you are applying
 2. A **personal statement** (maximum one-page, single-spaced) explaining how the service learning fellowship contributes to your educational and/or career goals and your interest in the organization(s) for which you are applying. As well, please include whether you would be able to work in-person with the organization if the state's shelter in place order is lifted.
 3. An unofficial copy of your **academic transcript** from UCR.
 4. A **resume** detailing any relevant experience, education or activities
3. Applicants who advance may be required to complete an interview with their host organization prior to funds being awarded.

All application materials must be submitted via email to the Blum Initiative at blum@ucr.edu. To guarantee your application will be considered, you must submit by June 8, 2020 at 5pm; however, you may submit your application any time prior to June 19, 2020 at 5pm.

The subject line of your email and all attached documents should read: last- name_department_BISLF.

Details & Requirements for Recipients

- The recipient must submit a brief essay on the project after completion (e.g. motivation, accomplishments, findings/conclusions, etc.) and may be asked to participate in a brief "exit interview". This essay, any accompanying photos, and any footage from the exit interview may be included on the Blum Initiative's webpage.
 - The Blum Initiative reserves the right to contact the host organization at any time during the service learning fellowship to confirm the recipient's participation.
 - Major changes to the service-learning proposal must be submitted in writing to Justine Ross (Associate Director, Blum Initiative) and require prior authorization.
 - If the fellow does not complete the immersive learning experience detailed in their proposal, they are required to return all funds dispersed via the stipends to the Blum Initiative by January 31, 2021.
 - All publications or presentations that result from the grant must acknowledge funding from the Blum Initiative.
 - The Blum Initiative will administer funds in a manner consistent with University requirements. To this end, the above parameters are not exhaustive. Please contact Justine Ross (justine.ross@ucr.edu) if you have further questions.
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Complete Fellowship Description

The County of Riverside Community Action Partnership's (CAP Riverside's) programs and services strongly align with the Blum Initiative's service mission of engaging students in service learning and internships, related to poverty, and encouraging their involvement in the community. CAP Riverside has a vision of ending poverty in Riverside County, and a mission of, with the community, facilitating opportunities towards self-sufficiency through education, wealth building, energy assistance and advocacy.

CAP Riverside will provide a minimum of 150 hours, to a maximum of 200 hours of service-learning per student, over the period of June 30, 2020 to December 31, 2020. This service-learning experience might include, but is not limited to:

- Assisting in planning a comprehensive community needs assessment, as well as a supplemental needs assessment in response to the COVID-19 health pandemic
- Conducting and coordinating research in the community, and among service providers to the community
- Researching various approaches aimed at effective solutions in the COVID-19 crisis aftermath, in comparison with other times of economic crisis (the Great Recession, the Great Depression, etc.)
- Assisting in outreach, and various program events and activities
- Working with community partners toward strengthening/expanding partnerships
- Exploring methods of involving the community in advocacy

CAP Riverside is excited about partnering with the Blum Initiative through another *Service-Learning Fellowship* on research and strategic planning for CAP Riverside in the COVID-19 crisis aftermath in Riverside County.

To learn more about CAP Riverside visit <https://www.capriverside.org/>.



"UCR Healthy Campus is a comprehensive approach to elevate health and well-being at UCR. We are committed to the health of our faculty, staff, and students and embrace an environment that both supports and encourages the health and well-being of our campus community."

–Kim A. Wilcox, Chancellor

UCR Healthy Campus Vision and Mission

UCR is taking an integrated and comprehensive approach to elevate health and well-being at UCR. UCR Healthy Campus (HC), part of the larger systemwide Healthy Campus Network supported by President Napolitano, invests in improving the health and quality of life for all of our UCR campus community. Making the healthy choice the easy (default) choice requires changing the surrounding environment and culture to support and sustain positive behavior change and action.

Vision: To be the model healthy campus, inspiring and infusing health and well-being into all of its facets.

Mission: To create a healthy campus culture and environment through collaboration with campus and community partners on policies, programs, services and initiatives that address all dimensions of wellness along with innovative engagement strategies, making UCR a university of choice.

HC Blum Initiative Service Learning Fellowship

UCR Healthy Campus is looking for a Blum Initiative Fellow to support the Advisory Committee and 9 subcommittees:

- Healthy Eating/Nutrition
- Physical Activity
- Mental Health
- Built Environment
- Substance Use and Addiction
- Preventive Health
- Communications/Marketing
- Metrics/Quality Improvement
- Culture Change

Responsibilities/Duties

- Support the UCR Healthy Campus Implementation plan, Advisory Committee, and Subcommittee plans for healthy culture change.
- Collaborate and support Healthy Campus research and evaluation – data collection, tracking, and reporting
- Work with Healthy Eating and Nutrition subcommittee on a project to increase access to healthy food/food insecurity for low income communities
- Support mental health efforts supporting training in partnership with subcommittee to educate student orgs about MH services and resources
- Assist with roll out of healthy vending policy
- Work with Health Beverage Initiative to increase water access through promotions/education
- Working with The Well and other partners on a financial wellness, basic needs, etc. workshops, with particular target to the low income community of students (as well as staff and faculty)
- Assist with healthy pedagogy strategies to create healthy classroom environments

Skills/Requirements

- Reliable, flexible, enthusiastic, and willing to learn
- Skill in communicating effectively and professionally (written and oral)
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- Skill in organizing tasks, documents and materials with efficiency and accuracy
- Skill in entering data into databases or spreadsheets
- Ability to manage multiple tasks and work independently

For more information on the UCR Healthy Campus, please visit: <https://healthycampus.ucr.edu/>