Rochester Urban Fellows: Frequently Asked Questions

Can international students serve as Urban Fellows? Unfortunately, due to funding constraints, international students are ineligible to serve as Urban Fellows in 2024. This year, Urban Fellows must be US citizens, nationals, or permanent residents.

Can I live off campus as an Urban Fellow?

Most Urban Fellows choose to take advantage of the free on-campus housing provided by the program, and we do encourage Urban Fellows to live in community with each other during the summer. That said, you are welcome to live off-campus if you prefer. Do note that this decision will not affect the value of your living allowance stipend.

Do I get to choose where I'll be working for the summer? After a full cohort of Urban Fellows is selected, staff members will match Urban Fellows to community partner organizations based on several factors,

each community organization; and the nature of the project.

What will my hours look like?

organization. Many Urban Fellows work a typical 9-5 schedule Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday, but some follow different schedules (for example, an Urban Fellow serving at the Public Market will likely be expected to work on Saturdays).

No Urban Fellow will work at their host site more than ~32 hours per week, but exact working hours are determined in conversation with host site supervisors. Wednesdays are spent participating in urban issue seminars as a cohort, which brings the weekly commitment closer to 35-40 hours. Wednesday sessions run from approximately 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. There are also some required evening events throughout the summer.

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