



UNIVERSITY-BASED INITIATIVES

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public education in New Orleans



Jones Scholars Internship Program

2011- 12 Academic Year Student Application

Application Deadline ~ Thursday, March 31, 2011

About the Jones Scholars Program:

The Jones Scholars Internship Program is a highly competitive and selective program that pairs graduate students from Tulane University with public high schools and nonprofits in New Orleans to support projects focused on improving college readiness, decreasing dropout rates, and easing the transition from high school to college. In return for the work completed by a Jones Scholar over the course of the academic year, the Cowen Institute provides you with a competitive financial stipend of \$6,000 per semester*- thanks to a generous grant from the Eugenie and Joseph Jones Family Foundation. Jones Scholars are expected to work a minimum of 20 hours per week on projects and will be provided with on-site supervision by a designated host site supervisor. To learn more and to apply, visit <http://education.tulane.edu/JonesScholars.html>. (*Less applicable taxes, etc.)

Eligibility:

- Masters and doctoral candidates and/or graduate professional school students
- Evidence of previous community service, volunteer and/or professional experience with an educational organization, school, or community organization preferred but not necessary
- Passion for urban education reform and commitment to post-secondary education access and opportunity

Application Process:

Applicants must send the items listed below to jonescholars@tulane.edu by March 31, 2011. All materials must be submitted together, and incomplete applications will not be considered. Semi-finalists will be notified in April and required to participate in an interview with the Jones Scholars Review & Selection Committee and/or the host site. Jones Scholars will be selected and notified by May 2, 2011.

1. Completed application form
2. Essay that is no more than 2 pages, doubled-spaced articulating the following:
 - Why you are interested in participating in the Jones Scholars program, stating your commitment to the promotion and support of college access issues and higher education opportunity and/or for urban education reform.
 - Specific knowledge, skills, and abilities that will contribute to you being an effective intern. Please address qualifications in terms of project management, program development, engagement/outreach, youth development and/or advising as well as other expertise that may contribute to supporting and creating post-secondary education opportunities.
 - Evidence of prior commitment to civic engagement, community involvement and/or participation in the education sector.
3. Résumé or summary of experience and qualifications of no more than 2 pages
4. Two letters of reference must be included with your application; at least one letter must be from your academic advisor or other Tulane faculty member. The second reference may be from an off-campus source. Letters should address your talents, intellectual aptitude, or other evidence supporting your suitability for this internship experience.



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Selection Criteria:

- Quality of academic work (preference will be given to applicants with 3.0 GPA or better)
- Ability to work independently; entrepreneurial spirit
- Evidence of leadership skills and potential for growth
- Extracurricular activities, community involvement, and/or professional experience that prepare you for the internship
- Commitment to urban education reform and increasing higher education access and opportunity for all students
- The strength of letters of recommendation

Program Requirements:

- Able to dedicate a minimum of 20 hours a week on assigned project
- Attend internship orientation, workshops, and leadership development activities
- Complete a presentation and written final report for the host site and the Cowen Institute
- Complete a background check conducted by New Orleans Police Department
- Provide periodic updates to the Cowen Institute's manager of university-based initiatives

Frequently Asked Questions:

Are all Tulane students eligible to participate in the Jones Scholars Internship Program?

The Jones Scholars Internship Program is limited to Tulane graduate-level students pursuing masters or doctoral studies or graduate students enrolled in professional school degree programs.

Is it necessary for me to possess a background in education?

No. Applicants do not need to have a background in education. You should reflect a genuine desire to be involved in the transformation of public education; commitment to educational access, opportunity and success; an entrepreneurial spirit; creativity in arriving at innovative solutions to addressing critical challenges facing public education; and a commitment to affecting change in our community.

May I develop my own project for the Jones Scholars Internship?

No. Applicants are not permitted to design projects outside the scope of post-secondary opportunities or college readiness. Jones Scholars are expected to use their creativity in designing appropriate activities and opportunities that support the Cowen Institute's commitment to the creation of a college going culture; advancement of post-secondary education; and support the successful transition from high school to college.

How will I be supervised during the internship?

Jones Scholars will be provided with on-site supervision by the host institution. The host site supervisor will be available to provide scholars with guidance and support in completing assigned projects. Additionally, scholars will be required to provide periodic updates to the Cowen Institute throughout the internship. The Cowen Institute's manager of university-based initiatives will also provide support and assistance to Jones Scholars for completion of projects.

Additional questions should be directed to Felicia Brown, manager of university-based initiatives, at 504.274.3682 or frbrown@tulane.edu.