



STUDENT RECOVERY CORPS

The Portland region has been devastated by COVID-19. Recovery will take a long time. Experts urge targeting assistance to small business and non-profits in especially hard-hit sectors.

The **Student Recovery Corps** will provide talented undergraduate interns, at no cost, for a 10-week work period in the summer of 2021. Placements will be small business, non-profit, educational, and/or civic agencies who would benefit from internship assistance, who can provide educational opportunities to students, and who have limited funds to pay interns. There will be a preference for providing interns to support organizations with a demonstrated commitment to racial justice and to businesses in hard hit sectors, such as Black-owned and other minority owned businesses that have been particularly impacted by COVID-19.

BRIDGE CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE TO THE WORKING WORLD WHILE PREPARING FOR CAREERS AFTER UO

Students seek meaningful and impactful internships to connect their classroom experience to the working world. Thus, internships are a high-impact educational practice. In addition to tying theory to practice, students will develop professional skills as they enter graduate school or the workforce. With careful selection of the sponsoring organizations, our interns will also benefit from the advice and support of their professional supervisors.



Internships are also key in helping students obtain post-graduation employment. Employers prefer candidates who have work experience and can demonstrate written communication and problem-solving skills. Our goal is to provide students with impactful experiences which allow them to emerge from the summer more career ready and better prepared to engage professionally upon graduation.

STUDENT RECOVERY CORPS INTERNSHIP PROCESS



✦ Students will submit an application to the program, and once accepted, apply to the carefully sourced placement sites in the Portland metro region. These small businesses and non-profits will select the student who will be of most assistance and who can benefit from that particular internship experience

✦ Interns will participate in a preparatory training session prior to the start of their internship and will have access to professional and social programming throughout the summer, which will enhance the experience and create a supportive community among fellow Portland interns

✦ Selected students will receive a philanthropically funded stipend of \$5,000 for a 10-week internship

The UO is prioritizing making internships accessible for all students and the student's stipend will help cover housing and living expenses as they engage in otherwise unpaid internships. Selection criteria will be carefully crafted to ensure equity and diversity among student applicants, including underrepresented and first-generation students.

THE OPPORTUNITY

We respectfully ask you to consider a gift to help support these UO students as they embark on the inaugural Student Recovery Corps program. Your gift will provide the stipends our students will receive and will allow them to pursue internships with an array of small businesses and non-profit organizations which would previously have not been available. Additionally, your support will help these organizations rebound from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and make a difference in their ability to deliver their critical work in the Portland community. Thank you for your consideration of a gift to help with this important program!

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