

UNIVERSITY of
HOUSTON
URBAN EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

FY22 ONE TIME REQUEST

BEST

Background and Rationale: *The Urban Experience Program (UEP) is requesting a one-time request for this current FY 22 for supporting our Black Excellence Scholars Training (BEST).* The UEP budget consists is 85% non-controllable/dedicated expenses (personnel, administrative charges, etc.) and 15% controllable/assignable operational expenses (departmental budgets, initiatives, travel, elections, etc.).

Black Excellence Scholar Training (BEST) Program seeks to serve as a two-semester independent and interdisciplinary learning experience open to historically disenfranchised and underrepresented African Americans students across all majors. Through its mission BEST creates possibilities and changes the landscape of students achieving and retaining high honors throughout their academic career.

BEST Program Elements

- Mentorship from UH Faculty Member
- Educational and Social Programming to Enhance Student Experience
- Travel to Professional and Leadership Development conferences
- Cohort-Style Peer Relationships
- Semester Stipend

Statement of Need

The mission of the BEST program is in direct alignment with the strategic plan of the Urban Experience Program (UEP). UEP works to progress its strategic goals by empowering students with academic, personal, and professional development resources that propel student success. Notably, BEST works to create resources and opportunities for minority and underserved students by offering holistic advising to prevent minor obstacles from becoming major setbacks to degree achievement. As a result, the BEST Program through the initiation of UEP, proves to be the ideal initiative to provide opportunities to change the landscape of black honors programs in higher education that will foster intellectual independence, motivate academically talented students, prepare students for graduate school and professional careers, and promote lifelong learning. Furthermore, to contribute to the respond to the demands of an increasing population of diverse identities on college and university campuses, Urban Experience Program seeks to identify and support undergraduate students interested in participating in BEST. A sponsorship through UEP will ensure the achievement of the following goals:

- Goal #1: Expand opportunities for educationally and economically underserved citizens
- Goal #2: Support strategic initiatives of UEP for student success through learning, engagement and discovery
- Goal #3: Create and engage in a strategic partnership with University of Houston faculty members mentoring students, foster intellectual independence, engage in independent and interdisciplinary learning experience to create a pipeline of diverse student leaders prepared for graduate studies and become contributing professional in the workforce.

Itemized Budget Breakdown:

Funding Request:

Please note: These numbers are based on a 30 participants

Conference	\$1950.00
Marketing/shirts	\$1000.00
End of Year Event	\$500.00
<i>Sub Total</i>	<u>\$3450.00</u>
Total for	
6% Administration Fee	\$207.00
Total One Time Request	<u>\$3,657.00</u>

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SUPPORTING UH DREAMERS

Background and Rationale: *The Urban Experience Program (UEP) is requesting a one-time request for this current FY 22 for supporting our UH dreamers. The UEP budget consists is 85% non-controllable/dedicated expenses (personnel, administrative charges, etc.) and 15% controllable/assignable operational expenses (departmental budgets, initiatives, travel, elections, etc.).*

In higher education, we are at a critical point in the national conversation around DACA/undocumented where universities are dedicating ample amount of human and financial resources to educate the campus about this underserved population. The University of Houston is no exception, with a rather substantial population, UEP has been designated as one of the primary offices to support UH Dreamers by the DSAES Vice President's office.

Additionally, the Urban Experience Program has been designated the scholarship advisor for Dream.US scholarship—which provides tuition assistance for UH Dreamer students. Since its inception here on campus; there has been a significant increase in student participation (as shown below). Our one time request will fulfill a critical area of need that has been a burgeoning issue nationally, locally, and at UH.

Fall 2015 ---- 25
Fall 2016 ----76
Fall 2017 ----133
Fall 2018 ----202
Fall 2019 ----262
Fall 2020 ----322

Itemized Budget Breakdown:

Funding Request

Marketing	\$2,500.00
Dreamer Resource Fair	\$1,400.00
Immigrant Day of Action	\$350.00
Dreamer Summit	\$3,750.00
Dreamer Support Series	\$500.00
Dreamer Mixer	\$1,000.00
SubTotal	\$9,500.00
6% Administration Fee	\$570
Total Funding Request	\$10,070.00



FY 22 ONE TIME REQUEST

Las Comadres

Background and Rationale: *The Urban Experience Program (UEP) is requesting a one time request for FY 22 for our innovative Las Comadres mentoring program. The UEP budget consists is 85% non-controllable/dedicated expenses (personnel, administrative charges, etc.) and 15% to controllable/assignable operational expenses (departmental budgets, initiatives, travel, elections, etc.).*

Las Comadres College Mentoring, a UEP Pillar Program, supports first generation Latina students with meaningful mentoring relationships from University of Houston Latina faculty/staff. We offer representation, opportunities, and space for our students to feel welcomed, seen and supported.

Our goals are to help increase our students' sense of belonging, navigate their college experience and explore what it means to be a first generation Latina college student, graduate and professional.

Itemized Budget Breakdown:

<u>Funding Request</u>	
Fall Retreat	\$1,700.00
Roundtable	\$300.00
Fall Family Event	\$500.00
Spring Mentor Event	\$500.00
End of Year Reception	\$1,000.00
UH Branded Items	\$1,000.00
SubTotal	\$5000.00
6% Administration Fee	\$300.00
Total Funding Request	\$5,300.00



FY 22 ONE TIME REQUEST

First Generation Summer Bridge

Background and Rationale: *The Urban Experience Program (UEP) is requesting a one time request for FY 22 for our innovative summer bridge. The UEP budget consists is 85% non-controllable/dedicated expenses (personnel, administrative charges, etc.) and 15% to controllable/assignable operational expenses (departmental budgets, initiatives, travel, elections, etc.).*

Itemized Budget Breakdown:

Each summer bridge costs the following:

Funding Request:

Please note: These numbers are based on a single Summer Bridge for up to 55 participants

Housing	\$4,300.00
Event shirts	\$500.00
Food	\$5,000.00
Marketing	\$500.00
Sub Total	\$10,300.00
6% Administration Fee	\$618.00
Total Funding Request	\$10,918.00