

# THE **u**rban **e**ducation **s**emester

A fully-accredited study away program

## APPLICATION FORM

The UES application process includes written materials, supporting documents and an on-campus interview. The Venture UES Program Coordinator will schedule your interview with you after you have submitted your written materials and supporting documents by the application deadline.

In the written application and the interview, applicants should articulate why they would like to participate in the program and what makes them particularly interested in urban public education. Applicants should demonstrate an ability to adapt to new environments, flexibility, and willingness to actively learn in the Bank Street classes, in their classroom placement and to be a supportive member of the UES group. Applicants must be in good academic standing at their home institution.

**The following materials and documents must be submitted to your UES Program Coordinator (see below) by the application deadline:**

- Completed "Cover Sheet," included with this application form.
- Official college transcript.
- List of the courses that you are currently taking this semester.
- Two sealed letters of recommendation, at least one of which is from a professor with whom you have taken/are taking a course at your institution. Letters of recommendation should be submitted on the forms attached and may be given to you or may be sent separately to your UES Coordinator by the application deadline.

The selection committee would like your response to the following questions. Your application should answer the following questions, preferably in sequence. Please type your answers, and understand that your essays are a critical component of your application.

1. Why are you interested in this program? How do you think your experience with the Urban Education Semester would contribute to your undergraduate education as a whole?
2. What resources and talents (academic, personal, extra-curricular, etc.) would you bring to this program?
3. What questions about public education in the United States would you like to explore while participating in this program?
4. Describe some experience you have had with intercultural communication, and how this has affected your perspective on culture, conflict, and difference.

Applications, including written materials and supporting documents, should be submitted to your Venture UES Program Coordinator on your campus. After the interview, an on-campus selection committee (including individuals from the candidate's home campus), the Venture Consortium and Bank Street College of Education will review completed applications. You are strongly advised to investigate your college's policies on financial aid and the transfer of academic credit before you apply to the program.

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**Brown University** • Gretchen Peterson, The Resource Center  
**College of the Holy Cross** • Ricardo Dobles, Education Department  
**Franklin & Marshall College** • Patti Brown, Off-campus Study  
**Vassar College** • Diana Brown, Dean of Studies Office  
**Wesleyan University** • Vicky Zwelling, Career Resource Center • Gail Winter, Office of International Studies



## COVER SHEET

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

School \_\_\_\_\_ Semesters completed \_\_\_\_\_

Academic major or concentration \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ School I.D.# \_\_\_\_\_

Optional information:

Gender \_\_\_\_\_ What is your racial/ethnic background? \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Names and Title of References

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

How did you first learn about the Urban Education Semester? \_\_\_\_\_

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What suggestions do you have regarding Venture's outreach/publicity efforts that might be particularly effective on your campus? \_\_\_\_\_

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Applicant's name \_\_\_\_\_

Reference Writer's name \_\_\_\_\_

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We are looking for participants who (1) have a strong interest in urban public education and equity issues, (2) are mature, resourceful, flexible, and open-minded, (3) have a demonstrated interest in children and young people, (4) show sensitivity to cultural differences, and (5) have a concern for improving intercultural communication. Please evaluate the candidate in light of these criteria (use the space below or feel free to attach additional pages).

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