

THE URBAN PREP

# Fellows Program

What others are saying about Urban Prep



"I love the Urban Prep school."
- Oprah Winfrey

## Chicago Tribune

School's Creed Helps Boys Believe in Themselves

## The Economist

Red Ties and Boys' Pride

## THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

**Expanding the Charter Option** 

"I am a big fan of Urban Prep."

- U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan

## theguardian

Young Black Men in Chicago Get Some Positive Role Models



The Urban Prep Fellows Program is a one year service opportunity for recent college graduates interested in working with urban youth at a nationally-renowned all-boys charter public high school.

Fellows are recent graduates who work with students in small groups called "Prides" (from our mascot, the Lion) to mentor, tutor, and lead students in their development and progression toward college readiness. The fellow teaches, but not in the traditional sense; rather than controlling a classroom and multiple classes of students, a fellow is focused on the total academic achievement of just twenty students - his or her "Pride."

# What does an Urban Prep Fellow do?

**SUPPORT**, mentor, tutor, and advocate for a group of 20 students

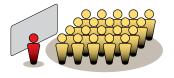
**TEACH** a year-long humanities-based life-skills class

**LEAD** after-school team activities and service-learning projects

**LEARN** about the policies, ideas, and people shaping the future of America's urban communities.



Each Urban Prep Fellow leads a small group of students called a "Pride." Fellows build mentoring relationships with their Prides through constant communication, social activities, a year-long community service project, and inter-Pride competitions.



Fellows meet with their Prides as a whole three times each day: morning "Community," lunch, and for one academic course. The Fellow-taught "Life Skills" course utilizes art, literature, film, and music to promote students' socialemotional development.



Fellows utilize remaining time for individual mentoring; contacting parents, coaches, and teachers; and partnering with other Fellows and administrators to coordinate Pride activities.

### About Urban Prep

#### **Mission**

The mission of Urban Prep is to provide a comprehensive, high-quality college-preparatory education to young men that results in graduates succeeding in college.

#### **History**

Urban Prep Academies was founded in Chicago in 2002 by Tim King and a group of African-American education, business, and civic leaders. In 2005, Urban Prep Academies received its first charter from the Chicago Board of Education, and a year later, opened its first school, Urban Prep Charter Academy for Young Men – Englewood Campus, the nation's first all-boys Charter Public high school. In 2009 and 2010, Urban Prep opened two additional campuses serving Chicago communities.

In 2010 and 2011, 100% of Urban Prep seniors earned admission to a four-year college or university; the announcements were greeted with praise and attention from local and national media, including profiles as ABC World News' "Person of the Week" and People Magazine's "Reader's Choice Hero.

#### **Organization**

Urban Prep Academies is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that operates a growing network of all-boys public high schools in Chicago. The organization is comprised of three schools and a management team headquartered in downtown Chicago.

## **Apply**

Application instructions and online form are available at **www.urbanprep.org/fellows.** 

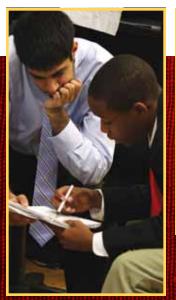
### **Compensation**

Living stipend of \$800 per month

Housing • Each Fellow will be provided with his/her own apartment or bedroom in an apartment shared with other Fellows

Transportation • Fellows will be provided with an unlimited public transit pass for commuting and personal use.

HMO health and dental coverage



#### For More Information

Our website, **www.urbanprep.org**, contains a lot more information about our school and links to information and frequently asked questions about the program. If you have specific questions, contact the Program Director,

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