



A fully-accredited study away program

## APPLICATION FORM

The UES application process includes written materials, supporting documents, and an interview. Applications are welcome throughout the semester until each semester's deadline. Shortly after that deadline, UES Program Coordinator Gretchen Peterson will contact Brown applicants to schedule individual interviews. (Applicants from other schools are invited to apply; upon receipt of their materials, they will be contacted to arrange an interview, which will take place either at their home institution or by telephone.)

In the written application and the interview, applicants should articulate why they would like to participate in the program, what issues in particular are of interest, and what they hope to accomplish if selected. Applicants should demonstrate flexibility, especially the ability to adapt to new environments; willingness to be an active participant in both class- and fieldwork; and commitment to being a supportive member of the UES group. Applicants must be in good academic standing (defined as having passed the required number of courses for one's semester level). Applicants are strongly advised to investigate their home institution's policies on financial aid and the transfer of academic credit before applying to the program.

**The following materials and documents must be submitted by the application deadline to: UES Program, Brown University Box 1838, Providence RI 02912**

- Completed "Cover Sheet," included with this application form.
- Official college transcript.
- List of the courses currently being taken this semester.
- Two sealed letters of recommendation, at least one of which is from a professor with whom the applicant has taken/is taking a course. Letters of recommendation should be submitted on the forms attached and may be given (sealed and signed across that seal) by the recommender to the applicant for submission with his/her application materials, or may be mailed by the recommender directly to the UES office by the application deadline.
- Essays: Each applicant should answer the following questions, preferably in sequence. Please type, and understand that these essays are a critical component of the 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, extracurricular, etc.) would you bring to this program?
  3. What questions about public policy and/or 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.



## COVER SHEET

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(print clearly)      Last                      First                      Middle

School \_\_\_\_\_ Semesters completed (not including current) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ School I.D.# (for Brown, use Banner ID) \_\_\_\_\_

Optional information:

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

School Address \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell? y/n)      Home telephone # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Names and Titles of References

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

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

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

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

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