



STUDENT LEADERSHIP FOR DIVERSITY

Please give a copy of these guidelines to the faculty or staff member who is writing your letter of recommendation.

Program Description

The IPFW Student Leadership for Diversity Initiative is a year-long intensive learning experience. The goal of this program is to cultivate student driven diversity programs. Student participants partner with faculty mentors who assist them in the development and implementation of a diversity project at IPFW. Depending on the project, students may also identify a staff mentor or community mentor.

Students selected for this program will be funded to attend the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education (NCORE), May 30 - June 3, 2006). NCORE is the leading and most comprehensive forum on issues of race and ethnicity in higher education. NCORE assists higher education institutions in creating inclusive environments, programs, and curricula; improving campus racial and ethnic relations; and expanding opportunities for educational access and success by culturally diverse, traditionally under-represented populations.

This is the first year that IPFW will send a team of students to NCORE. Selection is based on **academic achievement, leadership interest and experience, and the ability to fully participate in the program.** The following are the requirements of the student participants:

- Interest in helping to achieve IPFW's diversity goals
- Full-time enrollment from time of application through Spring 2007
- A cumulative GPA of at least 2.5
- A proposal for a project related to IPFW's diversity goals that can be mentored by a faculty member and receive independent study credit.
- Available to attend NCORE 2006 in Chicago and fully participate by:
 1. Attending a minimum of 20 session hours
 2. Attending evening group meetings
 3. Submitting journal entries
- Attend monthly Diversity Council Meetings spring 2006 through spring 2007
- Attend a NCORE Conference Preparation meeting
- Present project at the Diversity Showcase Spring of 2007

Letter of Recommendation Guidelines

To the Recommender:

Your candor in assessing the candidate's ability to be a successful participant in the **Student Leadership for Diversity** initiative will be invaluable to the Diversity Council's Selection Committee. Please address the following topics in your letter:

- The student's commitment to IPFW's diversity goals
- The student's ability to complete successfully an independent study course
- The student's leadership qualities/experiences

Please include the following information in your letter of recommendation:

- Name of Applicant
- Recommender's Name
- Recommender's Signature
- Recommender's Phone number
- Title/Relationship to Applicant

Application Deadline: February 3, 2006

If you are the faculty sponsor for the student's proposed project, please indicate whether you wish to attend NCORE 2006, May 30 –June 3 in Chicago.

We appreciate your participation in recommending this student to the Student Leadership for Diversity initiative. If you have any questions, please contact Garrett Gilmer at 481 6601, Melissa McIntosh at 481 6106, or Jeanette Clausen at 481 6637.