

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH ACHIEVING STUDENTS WITH STRONG LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL

Announcing the Edward A. Smith Leadership Intern Program Summer 2025

WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

1. **Full-time, paid internship** in a community serving organization. Attempts will be made to match selected students interests with placement organization's needs and interests.
2. **Significant stipend:** \$7000 for the 10-week summer period.
3. **Leadership Seminar**, done concurrently, carrying 1-3 elective credit hours. (Student's determine credit hours). Seminar includes leadership readings, self-reflection, group discussions, writings. Students will gain insights about:
 - Their leadership strengths and development areas; and
 - Effective leadership practices within organizations.
4. **Mentoring**, one-on-one faculty mentoring with Tom Vansaghi and Cindy Laufer, to monitor and guide learning.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Any MBA, MSA, MPA, MSF, MERE or junior/senior BBA or BSA student who:

- Is enrolled in a Bloch School degree program in the winter/spring term of 2025, but is graduating December 2025 or beyond.
- Has a GPA of 3.2 or higher.
- Has excellent oral and written English communication skills.
- Is keenly interested in, and committed to, personal leadership development.
- Has a reliable means of transportation
- Can commit to a full-time, 40+ hours per week (paid) program from June 2-August 8 (ten weeks)

Up to five Bloch students will be selected for the program.

HOW SHOULD I APPLY?

- If you meet the eligibility criteria above and are available to work 40 hours per week in the summer of 2025, we invite you to submit the attached application no later than Monday, March 9, 2025.

Selected students will be announced early April 2025.

Henry W. Bloch School of Management

Edward A. Smith Leadership Intern Program
Summer 2025 STUDENT APPLICATION

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name _____
Last First Middle

Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____ Cell Number _____ Student ID # _____

EDUCATION STATUS

Degree Sought _____ Emphasis Area (if applicable) _____

When did you begin your degree program at Bloch? _____

GPA _____

Anticipated Graduation Date _____ International Student? Yes No

THE APPLICATION

(COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING THREE (3) SECTIONS)

SECTION ONE

Attach a resume, including academic honors, leadership positions, and work experiences.

SECTION TWO

Reflection Essay. Answer the following (3) questions.

(note: **a through answering of these questions will take about three pages**)

1. Why, specifically, are you interested in the Edward A. Smith Urban Leadership Intern Program? What about this internship appeals to you? How do you see this internship advancing your career goals? What should we know about you that makes this opportunity a good fit?

2. What leadership skills and practices would you like to further explore and develop during this study program? What do you consider your leadership strengths? What leadership skills would you like to work on this summer? How do you see this internship advancing your leadership goals?

3. How do you expect this program to enhance your educational experience at Bloch? What skills would you like to learn or improve through the internship? What do you bring to the internship?

SECTION THREE

List the names, titles, and contact information for two persons acquainted with your academic and/or work experience, who we may contact as references. One must be a Bloch School faculty member.

A.			
	Name of Bloch School faculty	Title	Phone
B.			
	Name of other reference	Title	Phone

I certify that the foregoing statements and all other information submitted by me in connection with this application are true and correct. I understand that the falsification or deliberate omission of information is grounds for rejection of the application.

Date Signed	Applicant's Signature

Download and submit to Cindy Laufer
lauferc@umkc.edu or
Bloch Executive Hall, Room 417H
NO later than March 9, 2025.

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