

# REESE | BROOKS | GILBERT COLLEGIATE LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE & INTERNSHIP

Reese|Brooks|Gilbert



Collegiate Leadership Initiative

## ABOUT THE INITIATIVE

Named after the iconic characters, Kimberly Reese, Freddie Brooks and Whitley Gilbert of 90s sitcom "A Different World," the **Reese|Brooks|Gilbert Collegiate Leadership & Internship Initiative (RBC)** focuses on honing the leadership skills, personal and professional development of Black college age young women.

## ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP

**RBC is a two-year fellowship.**

During the first year, participants begin with a 10-day Black Girl Summer Tour, visiting cities throughout the South and Southeast. Additionally, a limited number of paid summer internships are available for first year participants. The Fall and Spring consist of a series of retreats and workshops that give RBC participants opportunities for experiential learning; sharpening self-awareness and autonomy, building a support network with peers and other professional women; to consider the lives of Black women in communities and cities different from their own and for scholarship of Black feminism and sisterhood. Participants are also assigned a mentor.

The second year consists of RBC participants taking what they've learned, harnessing it, and creating positive change in their community with a community project. The program is concluded with a study abroad opportunity for those who successfully complete the fellowship.



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## REQUIREMENTS

- Rising sophomore or junior
- Full-time student enrolled in 12+ credit hours
- Interest in Reproductive Justice, Black Liberation, Womanism, feminism, Advocacy, and/or Community Organizing
- Strong leadership potential
- No GPA requirement
- Complete the online application
- Two letters of reference (one personal / one professional)
- Two-year committed participation
- Able to attend a 10-day, mandatory in-person session in May (all travel and accommodations will be handled by The Lighthouse)
- Able to attend a three-day Winter in-person gathering
- Commitment from on-campus liaison (a professor who teaches at least one major class during the academic year, for example) to engage with the project coordinator, when necessary
- Monthly check-ins with an advisor, mentor, project director, and small group

## BENEFITS

**\$1500 stipend per academic year**

**Professional and personal development**

**Access to external opportunities**

**Strong sisterhood and cohort support**

**International travel**

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