

Reese|Brooks|Gilbert



Collegiate Leadership Initiative

## ABOUT THE INITIATIVE

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

## ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP

**RBG is a two year fellowship.**

During the first year, participants begin with a 3-day residency in Jackson, MS. Later in the academic year, there will be a 10-day Cultural Learning 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 RBG participants opportunities for experiential learning; sharpening self-awareness and autonomy, building a support network with peers and other professional people; 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 RBG 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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### BENEFITS

**\$1,500 stipend per academic year**

**Professional and personal development**

**Access to external opportunities**

**Strong peer-to-peer and cohort support**

**International travel**

### REQUIREMENTS

- Rising sophomore or junior
- A STEM major
- 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 3-day, mandatory in-person session in Summer 2024 (all travel and accommodations will be handled by The Lighthouse)
- Able to attend a 10-day Cultural Learning Tour.
- 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

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