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**Call for Applications:**

**2021 Harward Center Action/Research Team**

**Applications are due via electronic submission by 4:30pm on Monday, December 21, 2020.**

The Harward Center for Community Partnerships invites student applications for the Harward Center’s 2021 Action/Research Team (A/RT), to take place virtually from January 11-February 5, 2021. Each A/RT Fellow will work approximately ten hours per week during the four-week period on a select project designed to build capacity for community-engaged work by future Bates College students and others wishing to get involved in the local community. Students who have significant experience with community engagement in the Lewiston/Auburn community will be in the best position to succeed as A/RT Fellows.

This year’s program features these potential projects (depending on experience/skill/interest of applicants):

* Create a research-based Story Map to engage and inform viewers about issue-based work in the local and/or statewide community. (Each Fellow will create one Story Map, making use of existing photos.) Potential issues include:
	+ Food access, food justice, food systems
	+ Housing, houselessness
	+ Racial justice, racial equity
	+ K-12 education
	+ Lewiston-Auburn history
	+ Trails/conservation, e.g. opportunities for outdoor activities/environmental work in L/A
	+ Public health, e.g., hospitals, clinics, and key issues such as lead
	+ Immigration, e.g., recent immigration/refugee experience; could also put that experience in broader historical context by looking at Irish, Franco, Greek, etc. experience
	+ Arts and culture
* Use Google Streets to create a narrated tour of key community-engaged learning sites in the off-campus community—a tour designed to orient Bates students or new L/A residents to downtown Lewiston.
* Curate a “racial equity in local community-engaged work” toolkit (readings, videos, blogs, etc.) designed to help students recognize, understand, and dismantle racism as they encounter it in their community-engaged work in the L/A community.
* Design digital materials and develop strategies for future voter education and mobilization campaigns at Bates.

Applicants with significant community-engaged experience in Lewiston/Auburn, skills that are well-suited for at least one of the projects outlined above, a strong work ethic, and the ability to work both independently and collaboratively are encouraged to apply. A/RT Fellows receive a stipend of $400 for their full participation in the program. During weekly meetings led by Harward Center staff, Fellows develop work plans, evaluate progress toward goals, and brainstorm ways to address challenges.

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***Application Cover Page***

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Bates ID: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Major area(s) of study: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of a Bates faculty or staff member who is familiar with your work ethic and quality of work: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name and contact information of an off-campus community member/partner who is familiar with your work:

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**Your application must include:**

* This cover page.
* A short essay (not more than two pages, double-spaced) describing your interest in the program. Please include the identification of your top two project choices and an explanation of how your interests, experiences, and skills are a good match for these projects. Please also include previous community-engaged experiences, courses, research projects, and/or relevant skills that have helped prepare you for this program.

**Please submit your proposal electronically to Darby Ray (dray3@bates.edu) by 4:30pm on Monday, December 21, 2020. Applicants will be notified of decisions by the end of December.**