



2022 ALBERT W. BLACK UNDERGRADUATE COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEER/INTERNSHIP AWARD

This year's deadline is Wednesday May 25th, 2022 @ 4:00p.m.

AWARD PURPOSE

This is a merit-based award for undergraduate Sociology majors who volunteer with Puget Sound area community service organizations that work with and provide support for disadvantaged communities/populations. This award acknowledges the positive role of volunteerism on the local community. Volunteer work for which a student DOES NOT receive financial or academic compensation is the strongest demonstration of commitment to community service and is consistent with the spirit of Dr. Black's own community work and civic service. The total 2022 award amount is \$1,000.

REQUIREMENTS

- Senior Status (graduating between AUT 2021 and SUM 2022)
- Position as a volunteer or intern with a local community service organization or an organization working with disadvantaged communities/populations within the previous 24+ months.
- Students may use experiences that began as a Service Learning/Internship component in a Soc class, as long as they also demonstrate substantial additional volunteer or uncompensated internship work with the agency/service organization.

A COMMENT ON THE 2022 AL BLACK AWARD CRITERIA

Since spring quarter 2020, the UW and the surrounding communities have only been able to have limited interactions with others. We know this has impacted many students' ability to continue volunteering with organizations in their community, as well as hampering their ability to find new opportunities for volunteering and help others in the greater community.

Usually, the Department of Sociology asks applicants for information about volunteer commitments for the previous 12 months. This year we are extending the time frame to the previous 24 months. Feel free to include information starting with Summer of 2020. In addition, if you have volunteered for more than one organization, feel free to include them as well in your application.

This year, the Al Black award will be presented during our in-person Graduation Celebration. For a timely review of applications, we ask that students provide names, titles, and contact information for their references/recommenders. We will set up a phone call or Zoom meeting with them in lieu of a written reference. Please let your references know that they should expect to be contacted by Professor Herting for a brief meeting/call.

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

Please email the following three (3) items – single-sided – to Professor Jerry Herting, herting@uw.edu and Susanna Hansson, susanna@uw.edu in Soc Advising. Professor Herting chairs the department's Awards Committee.

1. Cover page with the following information:

- a) Your name (official and, if applicable preferred) and student number
- b) Your UW email address and a phone number where you can be reached
- c) Your organization's name and location (website and physical address if applicable). Include up to three organizations.
- d) Names and contact information for your references (see item 4 below for more details)

2. Statement (maximum 2 pages)

- a) Describe your volunteer/internship experience; your responsibilities, the social service organization(s) you are working with, and the impact of your work.
- b) Describe how you believe your internship experience is connected to your studies in Sociology.
- c) Describe other relevant accomplishments you feel make you a strong candidate for this award.

3. A high resolution photo of yourself in jpg format

- please do NOT embed the photo as part of your Statement. We want you to email your photo to us separately, as a jpg.

4. Names and contact information – email is required, phone optional – of at least two (2) references (you may include three):

- your supervisor/mentor at each of the social service organizations where your volunteer position or uncompensated internship is based
- a person of your choosing. If someone from UW (professor, instructor, TA, or advisor) is aware of your commitment to public service, you may include that person

IMPORTANT: By submitting the names and contact information of your references, you are acknowledging that you contacted them, asked their permission, and that you in turn are giving Professor Herting your permission to contact them.

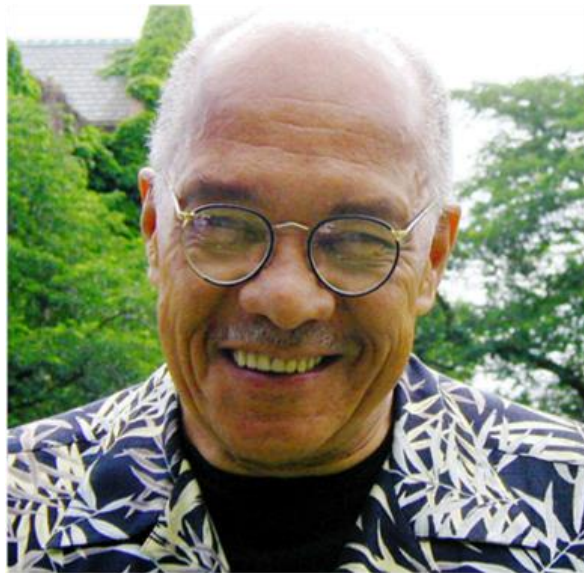
The deadline for emailing your completed application is Wednesday May 25th, 2022 @ 4:00p.m.

Review Process

The Department's Awards Committee will review all candidate files and make a recommendation to the Department Chair. The award will be presented at the Department's 2022 in-person Graduation Celebration, on Wednesday evening June 8th, 2022 in Meany Hall on the UW campus.

BACKGROUND

Albert W. Black, Jr. (B.S., University of Michigan, 1963; M.A., Wayne State University, 1968; Ph.D., University of California at Berkeley, 1976) is an Emeritus Principal Lecturer in the Department of Sociology. His areas of interest are the sociology of religion and race relations. Dr. Black is a past president of the National Association of Black Sociologists and the recipient of a Distinguished Teaching Award from the University of Washington. He served as an instructor in the Bridge Program, which aids in transitioning freshman student athletes into university academic culture.



*Al Black, Emeritus Principal Lecturer
Department of Sociology, University of Washington*

Al Black was a highly respected leader and role model in the local community. His legendary commitment to community service, in particular his work with gang members, gained him the Central Area Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Community Service Award in 1996. As a founding member and Chair of the Franklin Fathers Group, he led interventions into local schools with other mostly African American men, and challenged the at-risk students with a message of zero tolerance for the disruption of the learning process. He has been invited into numerous school and civic environments as mentor, educator, leader and parent.