



PAUL QUINN COLLEGE × MINERVA®

URBAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How is this program different than other programs offered by Paul Quinn College?

The Paul Quinn College x Minerva Urban Scholars Program is a year-round degree program offered out of the newly-established Honors College at Paul Quinn College. The program is accelerated; it is designed so that students earn a bachelor's degree and gain relevant work experience in only 36 months. The foundational course of study will be a double-major bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Public Policy. It will be delivered via Forum™, Minerva's virtual learning platform, which is intentionally designed for educational purposes.

What are the tuition and fees?

Urban Scholars students will attend PQC as full-time, fully online, off-campus students. For students in this category, tuition, technology, and health fees together total \$5,996 for fall semester 2020. For up-to-date details about cost of attendance, see the schedule of tuition and fees [here](#).

What are the admissions criteria?

Admission to the Urban Scholars Program will be considered for Paul Quinn College applicants with a minimum 3.30 high school cumulative grade point average (GPA) on a 4.00 scale, who have a demonstrated interest in transformative leadership. Promising candidates for the program will be invited to interview with the Vice President of Academic Affairs. An ACT composite of at least 17 or SAT combined score of at least 1200 makes admission to the program much more likely. Students must complete an application to PQC to be considered for the Urban Scholars

Program. More details about the admissions process can be found at the [PQC Admissions website](#).

When is the start date?

The Urban Scholars Program will begin August 17, 2020.

Who came up with this idea? Was this in the works for a while, or as a response to recent events?

Both Paul Quinn College and Minerva are constantly innovating and looking for new ways to bring higher education to students, where they are. Especially in these times, when students want to make meaningful change, a program focused on societal impact made a lot of sense. We are also very conscious of keeping costs to a minimum, so students do not graduate with excessive debt in these uncertain economic times.

At the end of the program, what is the expected student financial contribution or expected debt? Is there a program or special scholarships in place for the students? Any partnerships with companies specifically for this program?

We anticipate that students will graduate with no more than \$7,500 in loan debt — and ideally less. The bulk of the program costs will be offset by Pell Grants in the first year and through a combination of work-study income and employer subsidies in the second and third years.

Who will be teaching the classes, can you name some of the thought leaders?

Our professors will be a mix of Paul Quinn College faculty and business leaders, as well as other luminaries to be announced soon. All of them will be trained in designing and delivering curriculum, based on the science of active learning. We are always looking for individuals from all areas of industry and higher education who may be interested in teaching our most motivated students.

How will the corporate internships work when the program is virtual?

We will work with our current corporate work partners to provide virtual work-from-home opportunities for the Urban Scholars.

What are some of the internships associated with this program?

Professional opportunities will be related to students' academic interests and course of study.

Where can I go to learn more?

For more information about the Paul Quinn College x Minerva Urban Scholars Program, visit pqc.edu/urbanscholars.