The Atlanta Urban Corp is a cooperative program for bringing bright, motivated young people into an intimate involvement with Atlanta's municipal government and inter-city problems. The primary emphasis is aimed at interim employment of college students in Metropolitan government positions and in non-profit agencies.

Available jobs range from administrative posts in city government to social involvement in inter-city communities. The program offers a service-learning experience that acts as an extension of the student's college education by exposing him to "real life" problems by offering him a chance to temper idealism with actuality.

Internships provide not only a source of funds for the student, it is also an educationally relevant experience that simultaneously serves the city and its people.

The Urban Corps is administered by participating agencies and Atlanta's college students. It is funded mainly by the Federal Work-Study Program through participating colleges. Students that are financially eligible are funded 80% by their colleges and 20% by the employing agency. Atlanta businessmen and foundations contribute funds for administration and interns not eligible for work-study funding. The program is staffed almost entirely by students.

Employing agencies include: the City of Atlanta, Fulton County Government, DeKalb County Government, Southern Regional Education Board, VISTA, Southwest YMCA, Grady Hospital, Atlanta Library, Boys Club, and others.

Students eligible for the Urban Corps include entering freshmen through graduate students. Interested students should contact their Student Government Office or apply directly to Atlanta Urban Corps, 30 Courtland Street N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Telephone: (404) 525-2662.

Mayor Ivan Allen says of the Urban Corps:

"Our young people and our cities can no longer affort to be strangers. The Urban Corps offers students a chance to be in the mainstream of Atlanta's problems and potentials."

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