



Guide for Undocumented and Immigrant Students

Welcome to Hunter College

About Hunter College

In addition to offering a multitude of academic programs in its prestigious School of Arts and Sciences, Hunter College offers a wide breadth of programs in its preeminent schools of Education, Nursing, Social Work, Health Professions and Urban Public Health.

Efforts In Progress

- Hunter College is in the process of establishing a physical space for the **Immigrant Student Success Center** at Thomas Hunter Hall, to be located on a floor that will be part of a hub for identity-based affinity spaces and encourage community building, belonging and resource-sharing among students.
- Hunter College is also currently working on an Immigrant Student Success web page, which will provide a centralized portal for undocumented and immigrant students to navigate resources and assistance.

Immigrant Liaisons



Miesha Smith
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As Hunter's director of student life since 2016, Miesha has managed the college's food pantry and fresh food program, emergency support and initiatives to promote health, intellectual curiosity and experiential learning for all Hunter students. She earned a B.A. in American government, philosophy and sociology from Dartmouth College in 2009.



Raquel Torres
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Raquel brings a diverse background to her advocacy for immigrant students. Her family emigrated from El Salvador and Puerto Rico, and she graduated from the University of Texas at San Antonio. Raquel provides empathetic and identity-centered guidance and helps students apply for TheDream.US and Eva Kastan Grove scholarships and other support.



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As a first-generation Afro-Dominican, Marco is a Dream.US alumnus of John Jay College of Criminal Justice. In his current position, he strives to support undocumented students by providing them with uplifting guidance and resources that help them succeed and earn their degrees at Hunter.

Scholarships for Undocumented Students

- **Eva Kastan Grove Fellowship for Undocumented, Immigrant, or Children of Immigrants:** This is a prestigious and rigorous fellowship that provides mentorship, professional development and a financial award to students who are committed to public service, public policy and human rights. Candidates must either be undocumented; have DACA or TPS; be an immigrant (first generation in U.S.); or be a child of immigrants (second generation in U.S.) and have earned at least 30 credits and be enrolled at Hunter College as a full-time student (12 or more credits). [More Info Here.](#)
- Privately funded scholarships at CUNY are available to students regardless of immigration status in accordance with the [CUNY 2018 Memo by the Office of General Counsel](#). Visit the [Hunter College Scholarship website](#) for privately funded scholarships.
- **TheDream.US Scholarship:** For immigrant students with or without DACA or TPS who came to the U.S. before the age of 16 and before Nov. 1, 2018, and qualify for in-state tuition at a CUNY campus. Please visit thedream.us/scholarships for more info

Resources for Undocumented Students

- **DACA and TPS Renewals:** To cover the cost of any Hunter student's DACA or TPS renewal, Hunter College will pay the **\$495.00** application fee directly to the Department of Homeland Security. This resource is available only to currently enrolled Hunter undergraduates and graduate students. [More info here.](#)

Undocu-Friendly Resources

Services and supports that are open to all students and do not ask for immigration status or Social Security number.

- **Counseling & Wellness Services:** Provides mental health counseling, health promotion and education programs aimed at enhancing students' quality of life and maximizing personal and academic growth and development. Counseling Services provides short-term individual counseling, crisis intervention, consultation, outreach and referral to students, as well as consultation services to faculty, staff and others. [More info here](#)
- **Food Assistance:** Hunter College offers the following food assistance programs to students. They are open during the school year to all currently enrolled students with valid student ID.
Purple Apron Food Pantries: Hunter College's food pantries available for all CUNY students at two different locations. Students can visit both locations regularly. [More info here.](#)
Hunter Fresh Food Box Program: Through Fresh Food Box, students, faculty and staff pay one week in advance for a pre-assembled box of healthy, fresh fruits and vegetables grown primarily by regional farmers and sourced through [GrowNYC](#) Wholesale. Students can sign up for the limited vouchers to cover Fresh Food Box expenses.
- **Emergency Funding:** Through the Petrie Foundation, we provide financial assistance to enable students to remain in school if they have a short-term financial emergency. Students must complete the Petrie Student Emergency Form to be considered for assistance. [More info here.](#)
- **The Office of AccessABILITY:** Provides assistance to all students with permanent or temporary disabilities to ensure that all Hunter College programs and activities are accessible. The office collaborates with all departments and divisions of the college to facilitate and advocate for students and assist students to maximize their potential, while helping them develop and maintain independence. [More Info Here.](#)
- **Campus Life/Student Activities:** This is a great opportunity for students to participate in engaging activities that include athletics, recreation, student clubs and organizations, performing arts, and student government to better enrich their college experience through campus life and co-curricular activities. [More info here.](#)

Career/Internship Opportunities

Undocumented students can access non-wage stipends and experiential learning fellowship regardless of immigration status. If you've been awarded one of these opportunities, and are having trouble accessing the funds, please contact your Liaison and ImmigrantStudents@cuny.edu. If you have any questions about what a non-wage stipend is please visit [here](#).

- **TheDream.US Internship Funding Program (IFP):**
This is an initiative for current scholarship recipients to apply for paid and professional internships. This will provide opportunities to prepare students for their careers and earn payment regardless of work authorization. If scholars have secured an unpaid internship that is relevant to their major and/or career interests, they may be eligible to receive funding for this opportunity. Create an account in Parker Dewey and search for "**TheDream.US Internship Funding Application**" and select the application for Hunter College to review requirements and apply. [More info here](#)
- **Care for the Future:** assists students who have an academic interest in the fields of public service, public policy, and human rights with obtaining a related internship. The program also provides stipends for students who have already secured an unpaid internship in a related field. [More info here](#)
- **Career Development Services Internship Program:** Assists students through individual counseling, career panels, internship-oriented collaboration meetings with students and faculty, industry information sessions as well as internship project resources and application assistance for students to obtain pre-professional experience in preparation for graduate-level training and/or professional employment. [More info here](#)

Student Group

- **Hunter Dream Team:** The club's purpose is to create a safe space for undocumented students and allies, to empower the undocumented community. Instagram: [@hunterdreamteam](#), Twitter: [@dreamteamhunter](#), Facebook: [Hunter College Dream Team](#)