

EXPLORE is a free career immersion program for St. Louis high school students of color which connects students to industry leaders in the region.

### IN THIS PROGRAM, YOU WILL:

- Learn about potential career paths
- Hear personal stories from professional mentors
- Develop essential career-building skills that will help you succeed
- Build relationships that can lead to future internships
- Understand why diversity and inclusion are important in the workplace

### YOU WILL SPEND 1-2 TWO-HOUR VIRTUAL SESSIONS WITH A HOST BUSINESS, IN WHICH YOU MIGHT:

- Hear from company speakers
- Receive tips & practice time for interviewing, resume writing, and networking skills
- Talk with other students and industry professionals about your interests
- Break into small groups with a professional mentor

### 2021 PROGRAM DATES

- **Bioscience with MilliporeSigma, BioSTL, and Venture Café:** 2/26/2021 & 4/9/2021
- **Energy with Ameren:** 4/16/2021 & 4/23/2021
- **Healthcare with Centene:** 2/25/2021 & 4/8/2021
- **Professional Services with PwC:** 4/7/2021 & 4/20/2021

Student's Full Name (First & Last) \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Pronouns (Optional)  She/Her  He/Him  They/Them  
 Other/Self Identify \_\_\_\_\_

Student's School Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Non-School Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (Month / Day / Year) \_\_\_\_\_

Student Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Do Diversity Awareness Partnership and the host business(es) have permission to contact you about program evaluation, future programs, and internship/career opportunities?  Yes  No

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level  9th  10th  11th  12th

Gender  Female  Male  Other/Self Identify \_\_\_\_\_

Race/Ethnicity

Alaska Native  African American  Asian  Bi/Multi-Racial  Latina/Latino/Latinx  
 Middle Eastern  Native American  Pacific Islander  Other/Self-Identify: \_\_\_\_\_

## EXPLORE Bioscience with MilliporeSigma, BioSTL, and Venture Café!

This program might be a good fit if you enjoy solving scientific problems with creativity and collaboration.

**Program Dates: 2/26/2021 & 4/9/2021**

## EXPLORE Energy with Ameren!

Ameren's offices and energy centers employ line workers, engineers, IT / digital tech, cybersecurity, sustainability experts, and more. They serve both Missouri & Illinois. Ameren's co-op & internship programs are a pipeline to full-time entry-level employment after high school.

**Program Dates: 4/16/2021 & 4/23/2021**

## EXPLORE Healthcare with Centene!

Centene offers students a glimpse at the business side of healthcare. Careers here may involve cyber-security, health insurance, and providing health services. **Program Dates: 2/25/2021 & 4/8/2021**

## EXPLORE Professional Services with PwC!

Professionals at PwC use teamwork and critical thinking to provide services like consulting, deal-making, taxes, corporate finance, audits, and more to clients. This program might be a good fit for you if you enjoy numbers and working with people.

**Program Dates: 4/7/2021 & 4/20/2021**

I am interested in the following program, and I am available for its dates to the best of my knowledge. (Choose ONE. We will coordinate directly with teachers / school representatives if opportunities arise for students to participate in multiple programs this semester.)

Bioscience     Energy     Healthcare     Professional Services

## EXPLORE PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENTS

Please read in full

- Email your completed application to [bmcdonald@dapinclusive.org](mailto:bmcdonald@dapinclusive.org) at least two weeks before the first session of the program that you are interested in.
- Sign this form below and obtain signatures of support from both a teacher (see below) and a parent/guardian (see below).
- Be willing to receive text and/or email updates & reminders about the program.
- If accepted into a program, please plan to attend each session for that program (will be 1-2 sessions over the course of the semester, depending on the program). However, we understand that circumstances are rapidly changing this year, and health & wellbeing come first.
- If you are able, please keep your Zoom video turned on throughout the session, and please do your best to actively participate.
- **One of the benefits of participating in EXPLORE is maintaining connections with the host businesses for years to come, such as being notified of internships and other career opportunities; please inform of us any updates to your contact information in the future by emailing [bmcdonald@dapinclusive.org](mailto:bmcdonald@dapinclusive.org).**

## SIGNATURE OF TEACHER SUPPORT (REQUIRED)

Student's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_ School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I am signing this form to show my support for the above student, who is interested in participating in the EXPLORE Career Immersion Program. This student is enthusiastic about exploring their potential, is an engaged participant in a group setting, and will not be adversely affected by missing school.

## STUDENT PUBLICATION WAIVER (REQUIRED)

It is agreed and understood that the above-named student may be photographed, recorded and videotaped by Diversity Awareness Partnership ("DAP") and its program partners and their respective employees and agents (DAP and EXPLORE Career Immersion Program partners are identified collectively as "Sponsor") in connection with the student's participation in any EXPLORE program.

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Student's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Email \_\_\_\_\_