



Community Outreach VISTA Position Details

Title: Community Outreach VISTA

Term of Service: August 2021 to August 2022, 40 hours per week

Program Description:

Gonzaga University is a private, Jesuit university in Spokane, Washington. Gonzaga's Center for Community Engagement (CCE) provides opportunities for students to engage in meaningful service that addresses critical community issues through one-time and ongoing projects that will break the cycle of poverty by addressing issues such as educational access, economic disparity, food insecurity, homelessness, and communities on the margin. In order to increase community impact and concentrate our engagement efforts, we are developing a place-based initiative focused on the neighborhoods in Northeast Spokane adjacent to the Gonzaga campus. This AmeriCorps VISTA project supports the development and implementation phases of the place-based initiative, called ONE (Opportunity Northeast). It will build on collective action efforts in our community and leverage CCE's history of developing strong reciprocal partnerships with the surrounding community and local schools. The project will involve Gonzaga students, staff, and faculty in the expansion of community engagement efforts in Northeast Spokane that 1) promote the educational access and success of grade P-12 at-risk youth, 2) increase access to nutritional food for individuals and families, and 3) increase community capacity of residents and organizations. Benefits include \$513 biweekly living allowance.

VISTA Members who successfully complete the year receive their choice of either a Segal Education Award (valued at approximately \$6,195) or an \$1,800 cash stipend. AmeriCorps VISTA is also the only AmeriCorps program where you can earn federal non-competitive eligibility, giving you an edge in the federal hiring process. Gonzaga University will provide an ID card, allowing access to the university library and gym as well as a free bus pass.

VISTA Member Duties:

This is the final year of a 3-year VISTA project. The VISTA Member will evaluate the effectiveness of the Logan House program, support leadership training and community building activities, and create a program manual and sustainability plan for the program moving forward. The VISTA will develop a sustainability plan for the Opportunity Northeast Summer Fellows program, evaluate the first two years of the program and make recommendations for program improvements, strengthen onboarding, training, and supports for program participants, and align data collection with the CCE data collection strategy. The VISTA will develop a process for engaging Gonzaga staff and students in food security efforts and partnerships across Northeast Spokane. The VISTA will also strengthen relationships, programs, and partnership opportunities that build community and social cohesion among residents in Northeast Spokane.

Application Details:

To apply, submit your cover letter and resume to Darcy Phillips, Program Manager in the Center for Community Engagement at Gonzaga University: phillipsd@gonzaga.edu. Candidates for the position will also need to apply at the following link:

<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?fromSearch=true&id=102797>.

Applications are due by Thursday, April 15, 2021.