

Opportunity Northeast Summer Fellow – Food Security

Position Description

Position Overview:

The Center for Community Engagement Summer Fellows spend the summer working in Northeast Spokane neighborhoods in partnership with community organizations. Fellows support one of two focus areas (food security and educational opportunities for youth), forming a cohort of 8 Fellows that will gather regularly for support and professional development opportunities provided by CCE staff. Fellows will develop an understanding of the community needs and assets of Northeast Spokane.

This position's primary function is to support the Campus Kitchens food security programming in Northeast Spokane and, secondarily, to strengthen partnerships between Gonzaga University and community members and organizations. The position will support meal preparation, grow fresh produce in the Campus Kitchens garden, facilitate nutrition education programming for youth, engage with seniors through meal distributions, and interact with various partners engaged in community development efforts. The position is a fun, active experience with a combination of indoor and outdoor work. Fellows will develop an understanding of food security issues in Northeast Spokane and learn how various needs are being met.

Schedule and Compensation:

- 10 week commitment – Monday June 6 – Friday August 12
- Approximately 25 hours per week (exact hours TBD)
- \$14.49/hour

Responsibilities (include, but are not limited to):

- Prepare meals for and support the Logan Family Dinner and O'Malley meals & community lunch
- Garden and assist with upkeep in Campus Kitchens garden on campus
- Facilitate a multi-week nutrition program for youth in connection with Summer in the Zone
- Participate in regular meetings with cohort members and CCE staff
- Participate in training and professional development opportunities
- Respond and communicate questions/items of concern to staff; complete reports as needed
- Model ethical behavior, including appropriate and professional boundaries and relationships with youth, families, and staff
- Other tasks as assigned by supervisor

Qualifications*:

- Be enrolled and in good standing with Gonzaga University
- Complete required paperwork as applicable (e.g. liability release, background check)

- Be able to work outdoors in a garden for up to 3 hours at a time
- Experience, knowledge, and skills:
 - o Some experience with cooking and/or gardening
 - o Flexible and adaptable
 - o Willingness to learn
 - o Experience working with youth
 - o Strong organizational skills, self-initiative, and ability to work independently
 - o Cultural fluency, including awareness to issues of race, class, and the ethical dilemmas that may arise from the development of strong reciprocal campus and community partnerships
 - o Knowledge of and ability to animate Gonzaga's mission, vision, and values
 - o Understanding of and commitment to socially responsible community engagement as outlined in the Center for Community Engagement's Principles and Practices

*Due to the ongoing challenges of the pandemic, layered upon different institutional practices and expectations, the nature of these positions requires a very flexible and adaptable approach and outlook. Responsibilities will likely change day to day and there will be uncertainty. The position requires a positive outlook, creative problem-solving, and strong communication skills.