Funded Internship at MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger

Overview

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The College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Vermont has partnered with a private donor to fund one intern per year placed at MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger.

Internships are a vital piece of a liberal arts education and the College of Arts and Sciences is committed to providing their students with a diverse range of experiential learning opportunities. Students of all majors are encouraged to apply for this opportunity.

Internship Information:

About MAZON:

Founded in 1985, MAZON is a national anti-hunger advocacy organization, inspired by Jewish values and ideals, working to end hunger among people of all faiths and backgrounds in the United States. MAZON promotes change through public policy, seeking to ensure that policymakers understand and respond to the needs of the millions who struggle with hunger.

Location:

The intern, when selected by the UVM selection committee and MAZON leadership will decide whether they would like to be located at the Washington D.C. office, or the Los Angeles, C.A. office.

Position Description:

MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger desires a summer intern with a demonstrated passion for, and commitment to, the cause of ending hunger in the United States. Interns can choose to work in either MAZON’s headquarters in Los Angeles, CA or in its Washington, DC office.

If you are based in our HQ in Los Angeles, you will have the opportunity to explore and participate in a range of organizational activities and priorities. The intern may elect to focus primarily on nonprofit management and leadership, or on policy matters or on a combination of both. Activities may include: working with organizational leadership on growth and strategic planning, operations, finance and fundraising; research into circumstances and issues facing specific populations of food insecure Americans, including veterans, military families, Tribal communities and seniors; developing strategies in response to those proposals, helping to implement those strategies, outreach to anti-hunger organizations, providing technical assistance on advocacy to direct service anti-hunger organizations, participating in coalition and/or community meetings.
If you are based in our Washington, DC office, you will be an integral part of the organization’s government affairs activities in Washington working with a small, yet tight-knit organizational team, you will have a unique opportunity to work closely with MAZON’s senior staff and actively contribute to the strategic discussions, planning, and implementation of public policy and programmatic priorities. Activities may include: review of policy and legislative proposals regarding food insecurity, developing strategies in response to those proposals, helping to implement those strategies, outreach to anti-hunger organizations, providing technical assistance on advocacy to direct service anti-hunger organizations, participating in coalition and/or community meetings.

Furthermore, working at a small national organization you will be called on to help with a variety of other duties throughout the internship.

Intern will write a blog post for the MAZON website at the end of their internship.

Qualifications:

This internship opportunity is open to rising juniors and seniors in any major. Strong communication and writing skills are a must.

Stipend:

The intern will receive $5,000 distributed by UVM as a direct deposit ‘refund’ from Student Financial Services. The purpose of the stipend is to help with living and travel expenses while the student completes this unpaid internship with MAZON.

Academic Credit:

Academic credit is NOT required, but is available. See the CAS Internship website for options.

Application Process:

Please fill out the application form found on the CAS Internship Website. You will also be asked to send the following items to Sophia Trigg, CAS Internship Coordinator (strigg@uvm.edu) via email, before the deadline specified on the CAS Internship website.

1. Resume
2. Cover Letter

Once the deadline has passed, a committee comprised of UVM faculty and advisors will review the applications and forward 3-5 to MAZON. MAZON will complete the interview and final selection process.

Applicants will be notified by no later than March 11, 2019.

Any questions?
Contact CAS Internship Coordinator Sophia Trigg at Sophia.Trigg@uvm.edu or 802-656-1212