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**University of Vermont Upward Bound
Summer Program Media Educator
Summer 2017**

This position is part of The **Vermont Campus Compact (VCC) AmeriCorps Pathways Program**, hosted by the Vermont Higher Education Council (VHEC). VCC AmeriCorps is a state-wide AmeriCorps program. The program is designed to partner with college campuses and community partners across Vermont in order to A) increase college aspirations and readiness among low-income and rural youth, and B) increase college persistence, retention, and success among first-generation and otherwise underrepresented college students.

The University of Vermont TRIO Upward Bound Program is a federally funded program for low-income, potentially first-generation high school students. Our mission is to provide the necessary skills and motivational activities to help our participants complete high school and then enroll in and graduate from college.

The AmeriCorps Summer Program Media Educator will begin in mid-May and serve through mid-August. From June 12–July 28, 2016 we will offer a six-week, non-residential summer program (referred to as Summer College) on the UVM campus for up to 50 high school students from Burlington and Winooski High Schools.

Position Description:

The Media Educator will serve with Upward Bound participants throughout the summer in order to teach students about the power of digital storytelling, and assist youth in telling their own stories, especially as they relate to college access and success. The Media Educator will create content geared specifically towards first-generation and low-income youth who are either enrolled in Upward Bound or may be eligible for the program.

The Media Educator will be the person primarily responsible for updating the Summer Program Facebook/Instagram page, with a principal focus on involving students in the creation of content. He/she will also be responsible for participating in and filming program workshops, field trips, events, and services including community service projects, career exploratory events, leadership development activities and recreational opportunities.

This content will be used to create a student-led end of Summer Program video to be presented at the Program Showcase. He/she will also create a media workshop for students to learn how to develop their stories through film/social media. This position will also help to educate community partners with the services we provide.

The Media Educator will participate in Vermont Campus Compact (VCC) trainings related to College Positive Volunteerism, acting as an ambassador to higher education and incorporating tools and strategies learned through these trainings into his/her interactions with low-income and potential first-generation students.

The Media Educator will provide direct support to low-income and underrepresented high school students during the six-week summer program. This will include a leadership trip with Vermont high school students to Washington, DC (June 19-23) to explore colleges and museums.



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The AmeriCorps Media Educator will: maintain accurate quarterly reporting information as requested by Vermont Campus Compact (VCC) and comply with VCC and Upward Bound reporting policies; submit bi-weekly AmeriCorps timesheets via OnCorps, and participate in orientations, trainings, and reflective activities hosted by VCC AmeriCorps.

Qualifications:

Enrolled in a Bachelor degree program with minimum third year credits status preferred. The successful candidate has demonstrated a commitment to addressing diversity concerns as well as sensitivity to individuals who have limited income and/or are from educationally disadvantaged backgrounds. Training and/or experience in filming, editing, and designing videos are essential. Knowledge of adolescent issues and needs desirable. Valid driver's license and clean driving record are required.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Be US citizen (or have permanent resident status);
- Be at least 18 years of age upon entering the Pre-Service Orientation (there is no upper age limit), or 17 years of age with written parental permission that has been verified by phone;
- Be a high school graduate or have a GED certificate, or be willing to work towards their GED as part of their service-year successful completion requirement. A member cannot have dropped out of high school to join AmeriCorps. If a member has a documented medical reason/professional opinion why they cannot finish high school, they might be eligible; call in this case;
- Willing to undergo a National Service Criminal History Check, (National Sex Offender Registry, State Criminal History, and FBI Criminal History Check), Elder and Child Abuse Registries, and has not been convicted of murder or sexual assault;
- Committed to the VCC AmeriCorps program, and its ethic of service and personal and professional development of its participants;
- Have the ability and enthusiasm to drive to, attend, and participate in required trainings and events, and be prepared to drive up to 2-3 hours each way, (members will be reimbursed by VCC AmeriCorps for non-commuting travel to these trainings and events.)

Position begins **May 22, 2017** and ends **August 11, 2017**. (VCC will host a new member orientation for all members on May 22, 2017.)

This position is:

X Quarter Time: Requires 450 hours of service. Member will receive a living allowance of \$2,500 (pre-tax), and an education award of \$1,527.78 (pre-tax) upon successful completion of service. Other benefits include federal school loan forbearance, and various training opportunities. This position also has the option of UVM housing.

This position (check one)

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have recurring access to vulnerable populations (youth, persons over 60, individuals with disabilities).



Application:

Submit a Letter of Interest, resume, and the name/contact information of 3 references to:

Xavier De Freitas, Upward Bound
Living/Learning Center 234
University of Vermont
Burlington, VT 05405
Xavier.DeFreitas@uvm.edu

Application deadline: **April 1, 2017**

Additional information on AmeriCorps is available at *www.americorps.org*.

The Vermont Higher Education Council (VHEC) is sponsoring this AmeriCorps position through their AmeriCorps Program. VHEC is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Positions are open to all applicants without regard to race, color, national origin, ethnicity, disability, age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, political affiliation, veteran's status, religion or creed.