

A few of the most popular AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDIES placements available through The Philadelphia Center:

African American History Museum; Education and Public Program Intern: The African American Museum in Philadelphia, founded in 1976, is dedicated to collecting, preserving, and interpreting the material and intellectual culture of African Americans in Philadelphia, the Delaware Valley, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the Americas. The Museum's collection has grown to include over 500,000 objects, images and documents ranging from utilitarian and domestic objects to fine and folk art, memorabilia, furnishings and costumes, photographs and negatives, books and more. Education/Arts Management Intern will work with staff in Collections, Exhibitions and the Education Department. Responsibilities include: guided tours, scheduling, research, compiling program materials. Independent projects will be designed to accommodate student interest. Guided tours given daily. Opportunity to help design and implement education initiatives including tours and techniques for how to teach in galleries. Intern could also help develop PR and public programs for the museum.

The African American United Fund of Pennsylvania; Program Associate: The African American United Fund of Pennsylvania seeks to improve the quality of life for the disadvantaged and underprivileged and contribute to the social and economic empowerment of African Americans across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Promoting self help and mutual aid, BUF/PA provides financial and technical resources to non-profit organizations in Pennsylvania committed to health and human services, arts and culture, economic development and education. Through donations and volunteerism, BUF/PA operates as a mechanism that re-channels and re-invests human and financial resources into communities in order for empowerment to begin, BUF/PA also provides TA for the development of the Uptown Theater. Program Associate interns provide information, assess community/organizational needs, and assist with PR and marketing. Student interests in marketing and cultural development can be accommodated.

Anti-Defamation League; Community Services Intern: The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) is a civil rights and human relations organization that fights anti-Semitism and all forms of bigotry here and abroad, combats international terrorism, probes the roots of hatred, advocates before Congress, comes to the aid of victims of bigotry, develops educational programs, and serves as a public resource for government, media, law enforcement and the public, all toward the goals of countering and reducing hatred. With its National Headquarters in New York City, ADL has a network of Regional and Satellite Offices throughout America, and in Jerusalem, Vienna and Moscow. The mission of ADL today is, as it has been in the past, to expose and combat the purveyors of hatred in our midst, responding to whatever new challenges may arise. The particulars may change, but the goal remains the same: to stand up for the core values of America against those who seek to undermine them through word or deed. Community Services Intern will deal with aspects of direct constituent services, public relations, research and program administration. In the Community Services Department, intern will be responsible for responding to and researching individual and group complaints of discrimination; assisting in the planning of meetings and programs; researching varied topics; and drafting letters and memos on issues of prejudice.

Sayre High School; Peer Health Education Intern: The Center for Community Partnerships is the University of Pennsylvania's primary vehicle for bringing to bear the broad range of human knowledge needed to solve the complex, interconnected problems of the American city -- so that West Philadelphia, Philadelphia, and the University itself benefit. Sayre High School is a hub of activities and program connecting University-School-Community to address health, economic, and education disparities. The student will have direct program development and implementation including school day and after school on a variety of topic/issues (nutrition, sexual health, violence, neuroscience, health careers, arts and culture, etc...); research funding for youth development programs; catalogue research outreach sites for peer health education activities; shadow meeting in the community and at Penn. This is a concrete hands-on experience with issues related to urban health and education. The intern will bridge theory and practice (especially social sciences, education, community development, women's studies, African American studies, health services, public health).

Temple University; Multicultural Affairs Intern: Reporting to the Senior Executive Vice President, the Office of Multicultural Affairs is charged with ensuring the continued growth and development of Temple as a diverse community of life learners. From the vantage points of institutional equity and social justice, OMCA evaluates the way Temple builds, does business and interacts with the neighboring community; supports and nurtures an academic environment which is harassment free and open to expression and personal growth; recruits and retains scholars of diverse thought and background; and helps students successfully chart and navigate their academic journey. An intern may have the opportunity to: Assist in the implementation of the Diversity Dialogues Series. DDS is being co-sponsored with the Tuttleman Counseling Center as a means of engaging Temple students in discussions pertaining to diversity. Assist in the development and implementation of African American, Latino American, Native American and Asian American heritage month activities throughout the year. Assist in the development and implementation of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Association for Multicultural Education Conference. Assist with the creation and implementation of an OMCA-SS Student Advisory Board and Strategy Planning Board. Assist in the creation of a Temple University Diversity Directory. Assist in the development of a national leadership training institute with the national board of the National Association for Multicultural Education. Attend meetings of the PA-NAME and Pennsylvania Association of Liaison and Offices of Multicultural Affairs. Assist the Director in develop a monthly newsletter for the OMCA-SS. Assist the Director in managing the OMCA-SS web site. Assist the Director in maintain the TU Philadelphia Diamond Scholars Blackboard community.

Village of Arts and Humanities; Visual Arts Intern: The Village of Arts and Humanities is a non-profit arts education program in North Philadelphia that serves primarily African American youth and their families. The Village provides visual arts, performing arts, tutoring, mentoring, work skills development, conflict resolution training, and environmental beautification projects for youth ages 6-18. Visual Arts Intern will work with the Teen Coordinator to develop curriculum and assist/teach classes in drawing, painting, and sketch mediums. Projects will be cumulating and working through the summer. Intern will be provided with all materials, space, and creative opportunity. Interns will be working with teens and volunteers to develop these classes and projects. Candidates should have an arts background/education, interest in working with teens and youth, and experience working with painting, drawing, and sketching mediums.

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