Overview

Hosted by LILAC | Civic Engagement, Bryn Mawr’s Summer of Service is a funded opportunity for a small cohort of students to live, serve and learn together in the local community during a 10 week summer internship experience. Selected students will spend 32 hours each week volunteering for a service or activism organization in the Bryn Mawr/Philadelphia region. Additional time will be devoted to service learning activities and ongoing training and reflection. Summer of Service participants live together on campus and, as part of the program, make joint decisions about household issues, learn to work together as a group through participation in team-building activities, and build community through collaboration and reflection with their housemates.

Selected students will receive a $3000 stipend/living allowance and Civic Engagement will pay for on campus housing and transportation expenses.

Application Requirements

Applicants must be undergraduate Bryn Mawr College students completing their first year, sophomore, or junior year. Students who plan to be at Bryn Mawr in Fall 2018 will be given special consideration. Civic Engagement values diversity and strongly encourages students with diverse experiences and backgrounds to apply.

The application deadline is NOON, MARCH 5, 2018.

Students must focus on a specific type of service or activism and must have identified an area of focus at the time of application. Personal interviews will be required of final candidates. Students will be notified of their acceptance by mid-April 2018. Selected participants will meet with Civic Engagement staff to secure their internship before the end of the spring semester.

What is "Service"?

Bryn Mawr broadly defines service and activism. Students with a wide range of interests and experiences are encouraged to apply. Focus areas might include but are not limited to:

- Education
- Child Welfare
- Disability Services
- Hunger
- Environment
- Older Adults
- Women's Issues
- Homelessness
- Community Arts
- Public Health
- Social Services
- LGBTQ Issues

Continued Commitment

The ongoing commitment of Summer of Service participants is to promote community service and activism at Bryn Mawr. They will be expected to not only serve as leaders on campus, but as active participants in the Bryn Mawr service and activism community. Examples of ongoing commitment include but are not limited to: continuing to volunteer with the summer host organization, participating in Civic Engagement panels and presentations about service at the College, or applying to work at the Civic Engagement office as a student coordinator.
Summary

Students selected for the Summer of Service program will:

- Live together on campus during the 10 week summer program
- Spend 32 hours each week volunteering for a service or activism organization in the Bryn Mawr/Philadelphia area
- Spend 3 - 5 hours each week in service learning activities including ongoing training, site visits, and reflection
- Receive a summer stipend of $2800 plus $200 in the fall upon completion of a reflection essay
- Receive reimbursement for transportation costs to and from service sites and program activities
- Have a great time, explore, learn, and grow.

Why do you want to participate in the 2018 Summer of Service program?

How would your participation in Summer of Service help you grow as a service and/or activism leader?

Applicants must focus on a particular type of service or activism or have an identified social justice issue they would like to explore through their internship. Please identify the specific area of service or activism you would like to focus on during Summer of Service. Why is this focus significant to you?

Briefly describe any relevant service and/or activism experience you have had, paid or unpaid. Be sure to include the name of each organization, your responsibilities (including leadership experience), the dates you worked with that organization, and your weekly time commitment.

Describe your strengths as a social change agent.
A significant portion of the Summer of Service experience involves living in community with other students. What personal characteristics do you have that would make you successful as a housemate? In what ways do you think group living would challenge you?

Reflect on a past service or activism experience in which you found yourself engaged with a person or a community that was challenging for you. What strategies did you use to work through the tensions and build connections? Looking back, is there anything that you would do differently?

By applying for LILAC Summer Funding Program, I agree to the following:

- I will attend the mandatory pre-departure meeting at the end of April. If I am studying abroad in Spring 2018 and am accepted for summer funding, I will make arrangements to attend the virtual pre-departure make-up orientation. I understand that my summer work experience is the foundation for my personal development related to my future academic studies and professional goals.

- If I am selected for summer funding, I will fully participate in the LILAC Summer Funding Program, which includes submitting required documentation of my internship and participating in Bryn Mawr and Beyond in the fall 2018.

- For students applying for funding to support their own internships: I acknowledge that my internship is at least 240 hours and 8-10 weeks long. I also recognize that any change to my internship organization after the deadline would need to go through another review that could put my application at risk.

To complete your application, please make sure to click yes and then click the arrow at the bottom right!

If you have any questions about this online application, please contact Sharlene Garcia at internshipfunding@brynmawr.edu. Be sure that you have fully completed the application before clicking SUBMIT. You should receive an email confirmation with your application details. We recommend that you submit your applications early. Once you submit the application here, you will receive an email confirmation with your answers. If you decide to apply for another opportunity listed in this application later in the semester, you can complete this form a second time.