Volunteer/Unpaid Intern Position Description

Position: Metro Center Volunteer/Unpaid Intern

Starting Date: September 25, 2017 (flexible)

Description: We are seeking volunteers and/or unpaid interns to work closely with NYU Metro Center staff and grassroots community organizers to create equity assessments in ten cities across the country. The equity assessments will be used to back up data, the lived experiences of young people, primarily African American and Latino, attending under-resourced schools in struggling neighborhoods. The goal is to compare their schools on a set of indicators to schools in more affluent, primarily white neighborhoods.

Responsibilities could include accessing publicly available data from states, school districts and/or the US DOE Office of Civil Rights; analyzing the data for the stories about equity that it may demonstrate; and translating the numbers into short narratives for use by the community organizing groups. There is the possibility that this could lead to the writing of a “snapshot of education in/equity in ten cities” or something like that.

The volunteer or intern must have demonstrated interest in issues of equity and social justice in education as well as some experience in data analysis and the ability to communicate well with a variety of stakeholders- school districts, state education departments, Metro Center staff, and grassroots parent and youth organizers. The successful candidate will be committed to the success of all NYU Metro Center projects and to an environment that acknowledges, encourages, and celebrates diversity and differences. Volunteers and interns are expected to work effectively, respectfully, and collaboratively in diverse, multicultural, and inclusive settings, while being ready to join NYU faculty, staff, students, and administrators in our University’s shared commitment to the principles of engagement, service, and the public good.

Hours: 15 hours per week

About NYU Metro Center: NYU Metro Center is dedicated to the pursuit of academic excellence and educational justice for all students. We partner with local and state educational agencies to strengthen access, opportunity, and educational quality, particularly for young people from historically vulnerable groups. The Center accomplishes this mission through the implementation of high-quality research, strategic assistance to schools, districts, and direct services to students, teachers, parents, administrators, policy makers, and organizations committed to equity and educational improvement.

How to Apply: Please submit resume electronically to: barbara.gross@nyu.edu. Applications from women, people of color, and individuals from underserved or underrepresented groups are encouraged to apply. NYU is an EOE/AA/Minorities/Females/Vet/Disabled/Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity Employer.