

# WANT TO WORK WITH A SERVICE LEARNING CLASS?

## JOIN US AS A SERVICE LEARNING ASSOCIATE

The logo for the Center for Community Engagement & Service Learning (ccesl) features the lowercase letters 'ccesl' in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The letters are set against a dark blue, splatter-like background that resembles a paint splash or ink blot.

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Service Learning

**What is the Service Learning Associates Program?** Service Learning Associates (SLAs) will work with the Center for Community Engagement & Service Learning's (CCESL) Associate Director. SLAs will be placed with one or more DU instructors to assist in the service learning component of the instructor's course(s). The Service Learning Associates program is designed to get students and faculty into working relationships to effectively support and utilize community-based partnerships in learning. The program provides opportunities for students to play a leadership role in service learning classes. DU students who have completed at least one previous service-learning course (or are very knowledgeable in topics related to service learning) are eligible to apply.

**What Do Service Learning Associates Do?** SLAs assist instructors in the planning, implementation and assessment of service learning courses. Ongoing training on service learning and related topics is provided. Trainings will engage students around how to design a service learning course, develop community partnerships, work in communities, consider cultural diversity in meaningful ways in the classroom and community, examine privilege, develop evaluation and assessment techniques, and lead critical reflection sessions. Duties of Service Learning Associates will include:

- Providing support to faculty members teaching service-learning courses. While the needs of each instructor and class are unique (*the student will work with the instructor to create a plan for how the SLA will engage with students and faculty in a service-learning course*), some activities that an SLA might do include:
  - Researching social justice issues;
  - Developing partnerships with a community organization;
  - Planning and implementing service learning activities off-campus;
  - Facilitating reflection;
  - Developing reflection tools for students;
  - Conducting assessment and evaluation with community partners and students;
  - Working with the faculty member to assess student learning throughout the course; and/or
  - Problem-solving with students, community partners and faculty mentor.
- Creating working, productive community relationships between faculty and student participants
- Deepening and strengthening service learning courses on campus
- Representing the Center for Community Engagement & Service Learning on and off-campus at events, within the office, etc.
- Tracking the impact of service learning courses

**What is the work schedule?** Service Learning Associates work with their instructor partner to determine the desired tasks and work schedule. SLAs typically complete 5-10 hours of work per week (where volunteers complete slightly less hours than work award students). In the fall, SLAs are required to attend an orientation and CCESL's Community Organizing training. SLAs will also meet three times each quarter as a group with the Associate Director for training and check-in.

### What are the desired qualifications?

- Students must have completed at least one college service learning course (or are very knowledgeable in topics related to service learning)
- Student must be committed to community-engaged work
- Students must be willing to attend the service learning course
- Students must be able to collaborate with faculty members and open to working with a instructors from any field
- Students must feel comfortable taking on a leadership role with peers

**What Does the Job Pay?** \*\*To receive an hourly wage, you must qualify for a Federal Work Award. Some volunteer positions are also available. A modest stipend may be available to volunteers in the amount of \$400 per quarter – these are allocated on a first come first served basis as SLAs are hired.

- Between \$11.50-\$13.25/hour, depending on education

### APPLICATION PROCESS:

Please visit the website below to access the electronic application.

*Applications are accepted on a rolling basis during the spring and summer for positions beginning in the fall.  
Applications are accepted until positions are filled.*

Contact [cara.dienno@du.edu](mailto:cara.dienno@du.edu) for more info or questions.

**MORE INFO:** <http://www.du.edu/ccesl/learning/associates.html>