JOIN US AS A PUBLIC GOOD ASSOCIATE

What is the Public Good Associates Program? Public Good Associates (PGAs) will work with the Center for Community Engagement & Service Learning’s (CCESL) Associate Director. PGAs will be placed with one DU faculty member to assist in her/his community-engaged scholarship (research). The Public Good Associates program is designed to get students and faculty into working relationships to effectively support community-engaged scholarship (research). DU students who demonstrate a deep commitment to community-engaged work and have an interest in research are eligible to apply. The program provides opportunities for students to gain valuable research experience and contribute to the University’s mission to be a “great private institution dedicated to the public good.”

What Do Public Good Associates Do? PGAs assist faculty members in the planning, implementation and assessment of community-engaged research. Ongoing training is provided for interested and motivated students. Trainings will engage students around how to design a community-engaged research projects, develop community partnerships, work in communities, consider cultural diversity in meaningful ways, examine privilege, and develop evaluation and assessment techniques. Duties of Public Good Associates will include:

- Providing support to faculty members conducting public good scholarship. While the needs of each faculty member and research project are unique, some activities that an PGA might do include:
  - Researching social justice issues;
  - Developing partnerships with a community organization;
  - Planning and implementing research activities;
  - Working with the faculty member to assess and evaluate the community partnership & impacts of the research project;
  - Maintaining community linkages through correspondence and media.
  - Problem-solving with community partners and faculty member.

- Creating working, productive community relationships with a faculty member and community partner
- Deepening and strengthening the university’s commitment to public good
- Representing the Center for Community Engagement & Service Learning on and off-campus at events, within the office, etc.
- Helping track Public Good research

What is the work schedule? Public Good Associates work with their faculty partner to determine the desired tasks and work schedule. PGAs are likely to complete 8-15 hours of work per week. In the fall, PGAs are required to attend an orientation and CCESL’s Community Organizing training. PGAs 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 demonstrate experience or interest in research
- Student must be committed to community-engaged work
- Students must be able to collaborate with faculty members and open to working within any field
- Students must feel comfortable taking on a leadership role

What Does the Job Pay? To receive an hourly wage, you must qualify for a Federal Work Award.

- 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 spring and summer for positions beginning in the fall. Applications are accepted until positions are filled.
Contact cara.dienno@du.edu for more info or questions.