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. The Public Good Associates (PGA) program is designed to get students and faculty into working relationships to effectively support community-engaged learning and/or research. DU students who have completed at least one previous service learning course (or are very knowledgeable in topics related to service learning), have experience in or a deep commitment for community-engaged work and/or have experience or interest in research are eligible to serve as PGAs. The program provides opportunities for students to gain valuable 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 service learning classes and/or community-engaged research. Ongoing training is provided for interested and motivated students. Trainings will engage students around how to design a high quality community-engaged project, develop reciprocal community partnerships, work in communities, consider cultural diversity in meaningful ways, examine privilege and oppression, lead critical reflections, and develop evaluation and assessment techniques. Duties of Public Good Associates will include:

- Providing support to faculty members using community-engaged methods. While the needs of each faculty member and project are unique (the student will work with the faculty member to create a plan for how the PGA will support the community-engaged project), some activities that an PGA might do include:
  - Researching social justice issues;
  - Developing partnerships with community organization(s);
  - Planning and implementing teaching or research activities;
  - Developing reflection tools for students;
  - Working with the faculty member to assess and evaluate the community partnership, impacts of the project, and/or student learning;
  - Maintaining community linkages through correspondence and media
  - Problem-solving with students, community partners and faculty member.
- Creating working, productive community relationships with a faculty member, students and community partner(s)
- 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 community-engaged projects on DU’s campus

What is the work schedule? Public Good Associates work with their faculty partner to determine the desired tasks and work schedule. PGAs typically complete 5-15 hours of work per week, depending on the partnership (where stipend students complete slightly less hours than work award students). 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?

- Experience or interest in community-engaged work
- Prior experience in research and/or service learning coursework (or very knowledgeable in related topics)
- Students must be able to collaborate with faculty members, students and community partners
- A willingness to partner with faculty from any academic discipline
- Students must feel comfortable taking on a leadership role
- Understanding of and/or willingness to develop cultural competency, i.e. the ability to move beyond difference and unfamiliarity in order to work successfully in the community

What Does the Position 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.

MORE INFO: http://www.du.edu/ccesl/scholarship/pg_associates