Group Educator

Sunday, July 8 – Thursday, July 19, 2018

Brandeis Service Corps is a residential service-learning program. Approximately 50 high school students from across America will come to Brandeis for the 12-day program. Service Corps challenges teens to consider interpersonal relationships as a key element of bettering society through active service, personal projects and leadership development. Service work focuses on providing meaningful encounters between teens and the clients and staff of the non-profit Partner Sites. Participants will also engage in educational workshops, personal and group reflection, guest speakers and trips around the Boston area, culminating in the development of a personal service project to bring home to their community.

The Group Educator leads a group of 12-16 teens at a pre-assigned service site. They also help the teens integrate all of their various experiences into a deeper understanding of social action, service and personal identity, including:

• Helping the staff of the non-profit Partner Site facilitate the participants’ experience;
• Guiding participants to a deeper understanding and appreciation of the complexities of their site work;
• Leading sessions in which scholarly texts are used to stimulate reflection and discussion on the group’s site experience;
• Guide participants through the development, creation and presentation of a personal service project;
• Living in the dorms with the participants (in a private room), and helping maintain a staff presence in the dorms and dining hall;
• Partnering with and supporting other staff who share residential life duties;
• Attending a 4-day staff orientation/training.

The ideal Group Educator will meet most, if not all, of these criteria:

• Have a bachelor’s degree;
• Have 3-5 years of experience working in Informal Education;
• Have experience at camp or other residential environments;
• Have a passion for and experience with community service and social action;
• Be comfortable in a diverse environment;
• Be experienced and comfortable working with teens;
• Have experience as a program coordinator/facilitator;
• Be ready to work hard, have fun and learn a lot!

Key Dates:

• Staff Orientation: Thursday, July 5 – Saturday, July 7, 2018
• Program Dates: Sunday, July 8 – Thursday, July 19, 2018
• Staff Debrief: Friday, July 20, 2018

To inquire about this position, please fill out our employment inquiry form on the Brandeis Precollege Programs website.