K2H Civic Futures AmeriCorps Program

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PeaceJam Foundation: K2H Liaison – Higher Education Partnerships

Campus Compact of the Mountain West

Campus Compact of the Mountain West (CCMW) is a membership organization that engages college and university presidents throughout Colorado and Wyoming as part of a national coalition of more than 1100 colleges and universities across the country. These institutions are passionately committed to the value service learning and civic engagement brings to higher education and the community. We connect student needs to community needs by empowering students to get involved in social issues where they can make a difference – not only in the lives of others, but also in their own growth as students and citizens of the world.

K2H Civic Futures AmeriCorps Program

The K2H Civic Futures AmeriCorps Program focuses on civic learning and engagement opportunities and skill development for kindergarten through higher education (K-H) students. In addition, the K2H program strengthens partnership pipelines between K-12 systems and higher education systems that create continuity for civic learning and engagement initiatives as students transition from K-12 to higher education.

PeaceJam Foundation

The PeaceJam Foundation is an international organization led by 14 Nobel Peace Laureates whose mission is to create young leaders committed to positive change in themselves, their communities, and the world through the inspiration of Nobel Peace Laureates who pass on the spirit, skills, and wisdom they embody. PeaceJam engages young people in a powerful service-learning program that includes an annual Leadership Conference with a Nobel Peace Laureate. PeaceJam's international headquarters is located in Arvada, Colorado. PeaceJam Rocky Mountain serves as the regional chapter of PeaceJam, supporting PeaceJam programming in schools and community organizations and engaging youth and their communities in the Billion Acts of Peace Campaign to address the most pressing issues facing our planet. PeaceJam has engaged over 1 million youth and inspired 63 million acts of peace worldwide.

AmeriCorps Member Benefits

K2H Liaisons (full-time 1700 hour AmeriCorps Members)

- Living stipend of $13,750 over the course of one year of service
- Education award commensurate with the Pell Grant (~$6,000) to be used for current educational expenses, to repay qualified student loans, or to be used within 7 years for educational expenses
- Child care credit for eligible members
- Deferment of existing student loans during the K2H term of service
- Repayment of interest accrued on qualified student loans during the K2H term of service
- Hands-on experience in the field of K-12 education, higher education, civic learning and engagement, community development, and youth development
Roles & Responsibilities

1) K-H Partnership Development

- Work with PeaceJam’s partners to assess the capacity of partners to support ongoing civic learning and engagement programs with students
- Complete a pre- and post-assessment of each organizational partner using the CNCS Organizational Capacity Building Assessment
- Create an implementation plan for civic learning and engagement programming at existing and new PeaceJam sites, where direct programming is not currently being provided
- Develop sustainability plans for PeaceJam K-H partnerships that support ongoing civic learning and engagement initiatives beyond grant funding

2) Community Mapping & Outreach

- Map the local community, identifying partnership opportunities for student learning, engagement, and volunteerism
- Connect community organizations with K-H partners
- Assist with assessment for the Civic Health & Equity Initiative at higher education host sites
- Recruit and manage community volunteers supporting the K2H Civic Futures program

3) Team Development & Reporting

- Meet bi-monthly with K2H AmeriCorps Members for training and reflection
- Attend required training and development opportunities provided through CCMW and through the host site
- Complete all monthly time reporting, data collection, and progress reporting required by CCMW and CNCS

4) Site-Specific Responsibilities

- **Communication Support**
  - Support Social Media plan for PeaceJam in the Rocky Mountain region and use social media to promote PeaceJam’s civic learning program and upcoming opportunities
  - Help create outreach materials for PeaceJam civic learning “activator sessions”
  - Market PeaceJam program to schools and youth organizations and maintain database
  - Create monthly Newsletter highlighting PeaceJam’s civic learning activities in the Rocky Mountain Region

- **Leadership Events**
  - Support the planning and implementation of PeaceJam Youth Leadership Events (involving K-12 and Higher Ed students) including a youth summit with a Nobel Peace Laureate.

- **K-12 Programming**
  - Support PeaceJam Trainings for middle and high school student leaders, educators, and staff.
  - Support existing and new PeaceJam programs in local high schools and middle schools through site visits, placement of university coaches, etc.
• **Higher Education Programming**
  o Work closely with PeaceJam’s Higher Education partners to support their PeaceJam Scholars Clubs
  o Train university students as PeaceJam Coaches, and place Coaches in local K-12 schools and youth organizations to implement PeaceJam civics focused service-learning programming.

**Desired Skills & Qualifications**

• Experience working with schools and/or K-12 students
• Understanding of or willingness to learn about higher education systems
• Strong interpersonal skills; ability to work across differences
• Strong verbal and written communication skills
• Ability to work with diverse members of the community
• Adaptability
• Collaborative spirit
• Strong communication skills
• Proficient with Microsoft suite as well as social media platforms
• Strong project management skills

**Equal Opportunity Statement**

Aligned with organizational goals, mission, and vision, Campus Compact of the Mountain West and participating K-12 and higher education partners strive to attract and retain diverse and talented AmeriCorps Members. We encourage individuals of all ethnic, racial, and socioeconomic backgrounds to apply. CCMW is committed to providing equal opportunities to qualified individuals and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, religion, sex, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, age, height, weight, marital status, veteran status, pregnancy, parental status, genetic information or characteristics (or those of a family member) or any other basis prohibited by law. We are dedicated to increasing the diversity of our organization as we engage our network in contributing to this effort.

**Send cover letter and resume to Jobs@peacejam.org.**