

**Asian Americans United
Summer Program 2017
Internship Announcement: College Youth Leaders**

INTRODUCTION TO ASIAN AMERICANS UNITED:

Asian Americans United (AAU) exists for people of Asian ancestry in Philadelphia to exercise leadership to build our communities and unite to challenge oppression. Our social justice works include grassroots community organizing, advocacy and youth leadership development, with an emphasis on low income, immigrant, and former refugee communities.

OUR VISION:

The AAU Summer Program is a combined youth leadership program and a summer school for children. By training high school students to be teachers and mentors to children in their community, we simultaneously:

- * serve an unmet community need for affordable summer enrichment programs,
- * provide positive role models for children;
- * enhance children's learning with a multicultural literacy-based interactive curriculum, project-based learning, and caring tutors and mentors
- * create the opportunity for youth to make real world contributions to their communities,
- * bridge generations, and
- * develop their academic, leadership, and personal skills that will serve them throughout their lives.

Youth Leadership training takes place in seven intensive training days pre-summer school as well as one day a week during the summer school. The program concludes with three post-program reflection days. Training generally consists of workshops as well as team and skills building sessions. The summer school runs four days a week, Monday through Thursday, with Fridays reserved for training and debrief. AAU Summer Program is designed to develop the leadership potential, cultural identities, and social justice consciousness of all program participants, so that they can make a positive difference and effect necessary change in their communities.

INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION:

The AAU Summer Program is seeking 2 college undergraduate interns who will have the opportunity to work as summer school Director Assistants, design and implement the Community Action Project (CAP), and serves as mentors and role models to high school youth teachers and the summer school students.

Interns will be responsible for helping to plan and teaching CAP with the support of high school youth. CAP lessons serve as a chance for students to engage in a hands-on learning opportunity that can connect and positively impact the community. In 2010, AAU transformed a vacant lot into an urban gardening space because of the lack of green space in the Chinatown and Chinatown North neighborhoods. Since 2010, the Inch-By-Inch garden has served as a central

component of CAP lessons where students learn about heritage plants, urban gardening skills, environmentally conscious practices, and community development. Past projects have included building wooden planters, constructing rain collection system, collecting seeds from fresh fruits and vegetables, and conducting neighborhood walks and surveying green space in the neighborhood. Although the garden has been an important component of the CAP curriculum, interns are welcome to bring their own areas of expertise, introduce new ideas or themes and mold the curriculum with staff guidance.

This summer college intern position is a full time position. Applicants should be energetic team players who have strong leadership potential, a positive attitude, a high level of self-motivation, and a willingness to learn and work with children and teenagers. Applicants must be committed to working for social change, activism, and community building. Familiarity with issues facing Asian American communities or other low-income communities in Philadelphia is strongly recommended. Good communication skills and supervision skills are required. Additionally, bilingual ability in an Asian language is beneficial but not required. Applicants with interest and or experience in urban gardening are encouraged to apply.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Application Deadline: April 7, 2017

Start Date: June 26, 2017

End Date: August 11, 2017

COLLEGE INTERN RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Work closely with the Summer School Director on administrative responsibilities and curriculum implementation
- Play a mentorship role to high school team members
- Create a positive school experience for high school team members, children and parents by being prepared, enthusiastic, and caring
- Develop and co-teach CAP curriculum
- Supervise and delegate tasks to high school team members as needed
- Participate as a team member in the school set up, clean up, meal preparation, event planning, and other tasks required for smooth running of the summer school
- Participate in all staff training
- Assist in daily service site operations

COMPENSATION:

A full time commitment for six weeks is required. A modest summer stipend may be available pending funding. Students are encouraged to apply for summer stipends and grants through campus resources if available.

To apply:

Please submit the following to Asian Americans United by email or mail by April 7, 2017:

▪ *Completed application including contact information and short answer questions*

If you have further questions, please contact us at 215.925.1538 or you can email Teresa Engst at teresa.engst@aaunited.org.

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APPLICATION FOR COLLEGE YOUTH LEADERS

Application includes:

- *This Completed Application, including short answer question responses.*

DATE: _____

I. GENERAL INFORMATION:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Current Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Permanent Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Date Of Birth: ___/___/___ Age: _____ Gender: _____

Race/Ethnicity: _____

Languages Spoken: _____

II. STUDENT INFORMATION:

College/University: _____

City/State: _____

Expected Graduation Year: _____ Major: _____

Work Study Eligible? Y/N

Office Notes: Date Received: _____ Interview Date: _____

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Name: _____

III. SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS:

**Directions: Please answer these following questions in complete sentences, on a separate sheet.
Please write neatly or type your response.**

1. Why do you want to work with the AAU Summer Program?
2. What do you think are some of the issues or challenges facing immigrant and/or minority children today?
3. Please list any relevant work/volunteer/leadership experiences you have had (location, description, time period) or attach a typed resume.
4. What ideas/interests do you have for the Community Action Project (CAP)?

IV. REFERENCES

a) Reference Name: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Phone Number: _____

b) Reference Name: _____

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