

WACC AmeriCorps VISTA Position Description

Host Site Name: Washington State University - Pullman
Department: Center for Civic Engagement
Position Title: STEM Literacy: Worms to Widgets Project Coordinator, Pullman

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Project Supervisor: Jessica Perone, Community Programs Coordinator | Colleen Hinman, YMCA of the Palouse CEO

Position Summary:

The STEM Literacy: Worms to Widgets Project Coordinator will support the work of the YMCA of the Palouse as a member of the STEM Literacy: Worms to Widgets Project with the Washington State University (WSU) Center for Civic Engagement (CCE). The primary function of this WACC AmeriCorps VISTA position will be to coordinate a campus and community-based project to increase opportunities for underrepresented youth to engage in STEM programming. This WACC AmeriCorps VISTA position will work as a part of a team to leverage campus-community partnerships to develop opportunities for WSU students to increase STEM programming for Pullman youth.

Major responsibilities and activities:

- Provide support to YMCA of the Palouse to assess gaps in current STEM programming and identify the strategies to strengthen programming aligned with current best practices in STEM education.
- Convene a coalition of community and campus stakeholders to increase networking and the alignment of resources.
- Identify and establish new partnerships with community organizations and campus programs to align efforts toward addressing gaps in STEM programming.
- Develop a community asset map to identify available STEM resources and gaps in current STEM programming throughout the community.
- Develop a comprehensive plan to enhance and complement current after school programming with STEM programming aligned with state and national Math and Science curriculum standards.
- Increase capacity through developing new STEM programming throughout Pullman.
- Recruit, and train WSU students to deliver STEM programming.
- Participate in all WACC networking and training events.

Term of service: 365 days, averaging 40 hrs /week

Qualifications:

- Associate or Bachelor's Degree
- At least 18 years of age, U.S. citizen, U.S. national, lawful permanent resident, or person residing legally in Washington State
- Ability to make a full-year commitment
- Interest and/or experience in community service and/or community development
- Effective oral and written communication skills with diverse populations, including multicultural experience and cross-cultural communication skills
- Proficient in Google platform, MS Office, Adobe products, social media, and database management
- Ability to organize, prioritize and perform multiple work assignments
- Ability to work evenings and weekends as necessary

- Ability to pass criminal background check

AmeriCorps VISTA benefits:

- Bi-weekly living allowance
- Relocation and settling-in allowance, if moving more than 50 miles to serve
- Post-service \$5,815 Education Award or \$1,500 end-of-term cash award
- One year of non-competitive eligibility (NCE) for federal government jobs
- Basic health coverage, student loan forbearance, and basic child care assistance when applicable
- Paid round-trip ticket to pre-service orientation and reimbursed travel expenses when applicable
- Extensive training, professional development, and networking opportunities
- Access to AmeriCorps network

Site specific benefits:

- Access to campus libraries
- Free bus service in Pullman

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