

Immersion Programs Graduate Assistant

Up to 19 hours and on the MIT campus at least 3 days a week (we will implement some remote and some in-person work in the year ahead)

Start date between Late May/June and September 1, 2021; end date approximately June 1, 2022

\$16/hour, MBTA T-Pass, Earned Sick Time in Compliance with MA State Law

This position reports to the Assistant Dean of Community Based Programs.

The PKG Center has eight full-time staff and a cohort of 5-6 Graduate Assistants and 4-6 Undergraduate Workers. We have a lively office atmosphere and a lot of interaction with students and with each other.

To apply send a resume and cover letter to sarahbou@mit.edu with the subject “Immersion Programs Graduate Assistant Application.”

Get great experience supporting MIT students' community engagement activities!

The PKG Center taps and expands MIT students' unique skills and interests to prepare them to explore and address complex social and environmental challenges. We educate students to collaborate ethically and effectively with community partners to engage in meaningful public service, today and in their lives beyond MIT.

The MIT Priscilla King Gray Public Service Center is seeking a graduate assistant for the center's community engagement programming for the 2021-2022 academic year, with the possibility of extension into summer 2022 and the following academic year.

The Immersion Programs Graduate Assistant will support the Assistant Dean for Community Based Programs in planning and implementing local and national service programs. The Graduate Assistant will primarily be responsible for assisting in the planning and facilitation of several cohort-based service immersion programs. These programs include PKG IAP (a January break program) and PKG Spring Break. The Graduate Assistant will also support the design and facilitation of workshops as part of the Get Good Stuff Done workshop series, as well as assist with broader cohort immersion programming and facilitation of workshops. This may include the PKG Community-Informed Field Immersion programming, and support of the Active Community Engagement and first-year learning community programs. There will also be opportunities to support our other community engagement, public service, and outreach programs.

Precise tasks will depend on the skills and interests of the chosen applicant, as well as program needs, but include:

- Liaising with community partners to develop opportunities for students, staff, and faculty
- Identifying and developing on-the-ground resources and training materials and workshops to assist public interest work
- Pitching public interest opportunities to classes and student groups at MIT
- Publicizing programs throughout various MIT outlets and systems
- Planning and facilitating events such as reflection exercises, speaker events, orientation events, and training sessions
- Helping with risk management and documentation processes
- Advising students on developing project or public interest ideas and seeking funding
- Providing communication and logistical support for students, staff, and faculty engaging in service
- Providing organizational support for program participant interviews, and participation in interviewing students
- Collecting and maintaining program data and assisting with reports
- Reviewing surveys, conducting program evaluation, and writing reports about programming
- Supporting student, staff, and faculty inquiries regarding service opportunities
- Gather participant quotes and materials for communications purposes

- We foster a collaborative, team-focused work culture: Pitching in to other Center tasks and responsibilities when necessary
- Perform other job-related duties, as assigned

Qualifications:

- Currently enrolled in a master's degree program for higher education, social work, or other similar program
- Experience in service learning, volunteer programs, and/or public service
- Comfort with juggling different tasks and working with varied stakeholders
- Excellent writing skills
- Excellent communication and organizational skills
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Attention to detail
- Ethic for service

The 2021 academic calendar at MIT is as follows:

Fall semester – September 7 - December 17

Independent Activities Period – January 3 – January 28

Spring semester - January 31 – May 27

Precise work dates can be made to fit with the Community Engagement Graduate Assistant's own academic calendar. Candidates that can commit to scheduled evenings as well as standard daytime hours are preferred.

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