

The Incarceration to Education Initiative at Boston College is seeking a RESEARCH PROJECT MANAGER. The main responsibility of the project manager will be to design and implement a participatory research project about education and prisoner re-entry in/with communities most impacted by incarceration.

A collaboration between the Woods College of Advancing Studies, Sociology Department, and Lynch School of Education and Human Development at Boston College, the Incarceration to Education Initiative is working to create opportunities to address the educational needs of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated students in the Boston area.

Scope of work:

The overall goal of the project is to develop and implement a community-based research process to learn more about the experiences and needs of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people in the Boston area—related to obstacles and opportunities around attaining a college education. Scope of work and goals of the research process will be developed in collaboration with the initiative coordinator and could involve, *for example*:

- ***designing and leading community forums*** about the learning needs of formerly incarcerated people, especially in terms of barriers and needs for college preparation or completion
- ***facilitating the creation of a Boston-area “reentry think tank”*** that involves a wide range of participants including formerly incarcerated people, academic researchers, community leaders, and local residents
- ***developing a toolkit of strategies*** that colleges and universities can implement to better accommodate the needs of formerly incarcerated students—including academic policy and program recommendations
- ***collaborating with community-based organizations and/or city agencies*** to propose new policies, procedures, or practices that would support the learning needs of people who return to the Boston area each year from Massachusetts state prisons and county houses of correction

A successful candidate will have all or most of the following qualifications:

- background working in communities impacted by the criminal justice system
- familiarity with the design and implementation of some form of community-based and/or participatory research (including formal academic research or informal community outreach or engagement around a focused central issue or question)
- capacity to manage or facilitate a project from initial idea to completion
- experience with organizing, coalition building and/or event planning for social change
- flexibility to adapt a process and outcomes throughout project duration, based on evolving community engagements
- interest and experience in using creative, compelling and open-ended formats for research process and presentation of project outcomes
- proficiency with documentation strategies such as creative writing, photography, video production, graphic design, or website design/development

The position and application:

This is a **temporary grant-funded project-based position**, and work will take place over the course of one or two years. Compensation will be determined in collaboration with initiative coordinator and will be based on deliverables and scope of work.

In the cover letter, please propose your own vision for a community-based research process about the connections between criminal justice system and education in the Boston region, and describe how your prior experience prepares you to manage this project. Although we welcome applications from organizations or groups, if you do apply as a group, specify who the lead facilitator will be for the project and the specific roles that different team members will have.

Please send (1) cover letter, (2) resume/CV, and (3) sample of relevant work to Incarceration to Education Initiative coordinator, Matt DelSesto, at delsesma@bc.edu with “project manager position” in the subject line. Also feel free to contact Matt in advance of your submission with any questions.