



Boston Public Health Commission: Start Strong AmeriCorps Massachusetts Promise Fellow

AmeriCorps Massachusetts Promise Fellows deliver the resources young people need to be successful in life by creating, managing, and leading meaningful out-of-school time programs for youth in grades 6-12. Fellow projects focus on and college and career exploration and academic enrichment.

The Massachusetts Promise Fellowship achieves this by placing AmeriCorps Fellows with schools, non-profit organizations and state/local government agencies that focus on fulfilling the needs of our youth by providing: *a caring adult, a safe place, a healthy start, a marketable skill, and an opportunity to give back.*

Service Description

Boston-The primary goal of the MPF Fellow is to work with a cohort of 20-25 Start Strong Peer Leaders to deliver trainings to a local community center, lead workshops throughout the academic year to middle and high school students, and meet 1:1 with every Peer Leader to assess their academic and higher education needs. A special emphasis is placed on creating interactive workshops to teach tips, tricks, and lessons to survive high school and beyond. Collaborating with outside agencies and MPF to create College Prep/Readiness programming, networking skills, and enhancing their social and emotional learning.

Essential Responsibilities

- Engage youth in promoting healthy relationships and challenging gender norms
- Assist in the coordination of the afterschool program infrastructure at community-based after school program sites, as well as with our Peer Leaders
- Identify effective peer-lead training that will increase the Peer Leader's knowledge and ability to facilitate workshops with adults
- Maintain the sustained system to support young people throughout their school years and personal lives
- Track and measure Peer Leaders' progress in school; create goals and benchmarks for them, focus on college preparation, financial aid/planning, and college readiness
- Create a system of communication with parents and teachers to ensure academic success, and offer study/tutoring sessions to assist them
- Complete required MPF data and evaluation requirements
- Travel at least once/month for Fellowship meetings, retreats, and training throughout the Commonwealth
- Make a full-time, 11 month commitment

Qualifications

- Excellent organizational and communication skills
- Interest in and commitment to national and community service
- Experience working with youth
- Strong critical thinking and problem solving skills
- Ability to prioritize tasks and maintain progress on short and long-term goals
- Bachelor's Degree

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- Ability to work independently and take initiative
 - Excellent organizational and communication skills
 - Deep belief in the power and potential of young people to create social change
 - Experience working with youth
 - Passionate about social justice and working with diverse communities
 - Must be a US Citizen, US National or Permanent Resident Alien
 - Must be willing to undergo a National Service Criminal History Check, including screenings through the National Sex Offender Public Website, a name-based search of the statewide criminal history registry both in Massachusetts and your state of residence upon application to our program (if not Massachusetts), and a fingerprint based FBI check.
- *Eligibility to participate in MPF is contingent on the results of this screening

Fellow Schedule

M-F, 10am-6pm (occasional weekends)

Benefits

For an eleven month, full-time commitment and 1,700 hours of AmeriCorps service Fellows receive:
 A taxable living allowance of up to \$15,500/year ♦ Excellent training opportunities ♦ FREE courses at Northeastern University in the College of Professional Studies & discounted courses upon successfully completing the service year ♦ Loan forbearance and an up to \$6,095 educational award ♦ Monthly travel allowance ♦ Career coaching and support ♦ Healthcare benefits

Contact Information

Apply ASAP! Applicants are hired on a rolling basis.

Visit masspromisefellowapplication2019 to complete a general application **and upload your letter of interest, resume and contact info for two references ASAP and before June 1st, 2019.**

More Info

- Interviews will take place during April and May, 2019 and reasonable accommodations will be made available for interviews upon request.
- Selection decisions will be made on or before July 1st, 2019. **All position offers will be provisional until 2019-2020 federal funding has been confirmed.**
- Program start date is August 5th, 2019
- More information about the Boston Public Health Commission and Start Strong can be found at www.bphc.org/startstrong.
- Visit www.masspromisefellows.org for detailed program information

The Massachusetts Promise Fellowship is committed to providing equal opportunities. We serve and partner with diverse organizations, and are dedicated to non-discrimination. It is our policy to ensure that all individuals with whom we are in contact are treated equally without regard to age, color, disability, gender, marital status, national origin, religion, sexual orientation or expression, or veteran status. We require that all our partners make reasonable accommodations for interviews and service for any and all individuals with a permanent or temporary disability. We actively partner with organizations representing minority concerns and interests to build high-performing teams that mirror the communities we serve.

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