



## Improbable Players AmeriCorps Massachusetts Promise Fellow

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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.*

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### Service Description:

The Massachusetts Promise Fellow will be a key driver of success in our Recovery High School Residency Program. As it currently exists, this program serves to bring creative improv and theatre instruction to a population of young people who face immense challenges. The primary goal of this program is to bring a recovery-informed, supportive atmosphere that is defined not by challenge but by play and creativity. The Fellow will act as a mentor to our students and as an invaluable support for our staff.

### Essential Responsibilities:

- Act as the core educator for program planning sessions; run warm ups; make curricular suggestions; and connect students to in-school resources as needed
- Attend all Improbable Players theatre sessions that are part of our Recovery High School Residency Program (currently 2 sessions per week)
- Work with Ostiguy staff an additional 2-4 hours per week to provide mentorship, supervision, and tutoring support as needed
- Support volunteer events and efforts (e.g., school outreach events, volunteer donor visits, actor enrichment events, volunteer event staffing, etc.)
- Work with Improbable Players staff to redesign and template curriculum, with a focus on Commonwealth Health, SEL, and Theatre Standards
- Identify opportunities to support specific program funding
- Teach workshops at some of the schools that books a play
- Complete program evaluation requirements including but not limited to preparing monthly reports, a youth attendance tracker, and time sheets
- Travel at least once per month for Fellowship to retreats and training throughout the Commonwealth

### Qualifications:

- Background in theatre, improv, or performing arts
- Experience tutoring or mentoring young people
- Personal connection to the issue of substance use disorder/addiction strongly preferred (
- Ability to write succinctly and with differing authorial voice
- Excellent organizational skills
- Promptness, consistency, dependability
- 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

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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 mornings reflective of school programs

### Fellow Service Locations:

- 22 Mount Auburn St. Watertown, MA 02472 & 19 Temple Place, Boston, MA 02111

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### 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 \$6,195 educational award ♦ Monthly travel allowance ♦ Career coaching and support ♦ Healthcare benefits

### Contact Information

**Apply ASAP!** Applicants are hired on a rolling basis.

Visit [mpfapplication2020](#) to complete a general application **ASAP before June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

### More Info:

- Selection decisions will be made on or before July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. **All position offers will be provisional until 2020-2021 federal funding has been confirmed.**
- Program start date is August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- More information about Improbable Players can be found at <https://www.improbableplayers.org/>
- Visit [www.masspromisefellows.org](http://www.masspromisefellows.org) for detailed program information

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The Massachusetts Promise Fellowship (MPF) is an equal opportunity employer. At MPF, we do not just accept difference — we celebrate it, we support it, and we thrive on it for the benefit of our employees, youth, and our community. 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.