



Student Fellow Positions

The CUNY (City University of New York) Rising Alliance, a growing coalition of over 30 community groups, non-profits, unions, student advocate and faith-based organizations, seeks seven student fellows to help build its capacity to win campaigns that establish a free and quality CUNY. The CUNY Rising Alliance organizes to make CUNY more accessible to all, especially students of color and those from low-income households, through issue campaigns that fight to increase investment and affordability.

The ideal candidate(s) will have experience with organizing and mobilizing students or community members. The person should have a track record in building relationships with individuals, especially campus-based or neighborhood-based organizations. The candidate should also understand the urgency of the issues facing the CUNY system in the context of the government's lack of investment in higher education and the expansive financial needs of students. The ideal candidate will have demonstrated experience working independently and taking initiative. This position should have special appeal for candidates committed to building the power to elevate campaigns for public higher education in New York State.

The student fellows are staff members of the CUNY Rising Alliance, reporting to a team that includes the Field organizer, Alliance coordinator and key principal leaders. The student fellows' job responsibilities may be adjusted based on Alliance campaign decisions.

Job Responsibilities:

- Enlist students and campus organization leaders to support of the Alliance's campaigns
- Engage and mobilize others on campuses for events and actions, through tabling, leafletting, making announcements in classes, etc.
- Identify and capture stories from current and former students
- Seek unique voices and experiences amongst students
- Develop relationships with campus-based media outlets
- Identify and reach out to potential allies within community organizations (outside of CUNY)
- Conduct trainings and workshops for campus-based and neighborhood-based groups
- Plan and provide logistical support for events in the community and on campuses in support of campaigns
- Input data and provide progress reports

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Qualifications:

We're seeking candidates who are results oriented and who are committed to social and economic justice. You should have:

- At least 1 year of prior experience in grassroots organizing
- Working knowledge of the CUNY public higher education system
- Experience with and ability to work with diverse groups, including but not limited to age, culture, race, and class
- Experience managing and delegating tasks
- Experience using social media
- Demonstrated ability to engage and mobilize constituents to take action on campaigns
- Experience working under pressure in a fast-paced, ever-changing environment
- Willingness to work long and irregular hours, including nights and weekends, and to travel into surrounding neighborhoods

Applicants currently enrolled in the CUNY system are strongly encouraged to apply. People of Color are strongly encouraged to apply. Bilingual skills are a plus.

Compensation Package:

- Fellowship stipend of about \$3,500 from start date until the end of spring semester (approximately 10-12 hours per week, may include college breaks)

To Apply:

Send your resume, cover letter and references to cunyrising@gmail.com with the subject line "Application: Student Fellow." Application closing date: October 7.