

Summer of Service

FAQ's

Why do you believe Duke students need something like *Summer of Service*?

We believe this is a group of students coming from strong backgrounds in community service. Duke currently offers other summer-service oriented programs that have many applicants, and our feedback from surveys and emails about the program has been overwhelmingly positive and encouraging.

How do students find out about SOS?

On our website, www.dukealumni.com/summerofservice, at the Career Center, through e-mail lists

What kind of students does SOS target?

SOS hopes to be attractive to all types of students. We do hope however, to especially appeal to students interested in service internships that can't afford to work outside their home towns/cities otherwise.

Why would students choose SOS over other Duke summer service learning programs?

SOS is the only program that offers cost free housing with an alumni host family. This allows students to live in a fun city away from home for 6-8 weeks and learn a great deal from interacting with a Duke alum.

Does SOS place the students in internships?

Our team will place 2-4 students in internships this winter as part of our pilot program. However, all other students will be responsible for securing their own internships. To help students find great internships, we have contacted and listed on our website organizations that are excited about having a Duke student intern and would be ideal places for a student to get involved. Once the student contacts, applies for, and secures an internship, SOS will find housing for that student in the city of the internship.

How will you make sure SOS students follow through?

SOS candidates will have gone through an application and interview process. We hope to identify driven, and reliable students. We will also require the student to sign a formal commitment stating their intent to participate and follow through with the program.

What kind of interaction will the student have before meeting their alumni host family?

SOS will encourage students to speak to families on the phone before moving in. It will also have been made known to the applicant that their application and interview notes will be available for their family to review.

How do you hold the student accountable for their behavior during their stay?

Again, SOS will try to ensure unproblematic students are chosen through the application and interview process. However, the students will also be signing a code of conduct which will specifically list behaviors that are acceptable and those that are not.