



Internship Criteria

Summer of Service internships are intended to immerse students in many different areas of public service. Students can find an internship through their own contacts or by using the list of organizations available on the *Summer of Service* website. To qualify for housing and funding through the Duke University *Summer of Service* program, internships must meet the following criteria.

- The duration must be 6-8 weeks in length and take place during the Duke summer recess
- The student must intern at an organization that provides a public community benefit or service. Such organizations might:
 - help people meet basic food, shelter, and health needs
 - improve the quality and availability of education for those in the community
 - educate people about their legal rights
 - support social causes affecting the general welfare
- The internship position must be clearly defined and allow the student to interact directly with the people the organization serves.
- The student must have a mentor or supervisor for guidance during the internship
- The organization is **not** required to provide compensation, as the student will receive a \$1000 scholarship upon acceptance to the *Summer of Service* program.

Applicants that have met the aforementioned criteria and have carefully considered the following questions will be highly considered for the program and will most likely have a tremendous internship experience.

In applying to internships, please consider the following:

Nature of the Organization

Service: Does the organization provide a clearly defined community benefit or service?

Effective: Is the organization effective in accomplishing its mission?

Commitment: Has the organization made a substantial commitment (e.g. available human and/or financial resources, staff supervision) to the summer internship to ensure that both the organization and the student will benefit from the experience?

Nature of the Internship

Definition: Is the internship position clearly defined? What will you accomplish?

Impact: Will the internship make a meaningful contribution to the organization, the community, and the student's learning?

Relevance: Does the internship fit the *SOS* program description and fit the definition of a direct service-based internship?

Questions?

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