



SR1 (SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH) AmeriCorps Member Description



Positions: Peer Educator (Full Time, Half Time, or Minimum Time)
Project: Community Oriented Opportunities for Learning (COOL™) Education Project
Reports To: AmeriCorps Project Coordinator

Program Overview & Service Impact: The Community Oriented Opportunities for Learning (COOL™) Education Project will provide economically disadvantaged K-12 grade students in Hinds, Madison and Scott counties the resources needed to improve academic achievement in math, reading, language arts/English, STEM concepts (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics), 21st century life and career skills, and college access and success. AmeriCorps members will be responsible for ensuring 70% of the economically disadvantaged students who complete the program increase academic achievement.

Service Summary: AmeriCorps Members provide year round (academic year and summer recess) innovative tutoring and mentoring services to economically disadvantaged students in grades K-12 residing in the central Mississippi counties of Hinds, Madison, and/or Scott. Additionally, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for attending all member trainings and meetings, managing student' files, completing monthly timesheets and other required documentation, planning and participating in national days of service, successfully completing service hours and actively serving to support all program efforts. AmeriCorps Members must have reliable transportation, must demonstrate qualities of reliability, consistency, dependability, sense of responsibility, and an ability to maintain confidentiality. Responsibilities may require adjusted service schedule.

Service

Benefits: **Full time:** \$1,044 (less tax) monthly stipend and \$5,730 Segal Education Award for completing 1700 service hours; Health Insurance; Child Care Benefits (if applicable)
Half Time: \$500 (less tax) monthly stipend and \$2,865 Segal Education Award for completing 900 service hours
Minimum Time: \$1,212.44 Segal Education Award for completing 300 service hours

All full time, half time and minimum time hours must be completed by August 31, 2016.

Service

Dates & Times:

Full Time: Monday-Friday 35-40 hours a week required 9 AM-6PM, 2 Saturdays a month 9 AM to 2PM. Times may vary due to service projects, field, trips, summer camp, and additional tutoring and mentoring activities.
Half Time: Monday-Friday 20-25 hours a week required 2 PM to 6 PM, 2 Saturdays a month 9 AM to 2 PM. Times may vary due to service projects, field, trips, summer camp, and additional tutoring and mentoring activities.
Minimum Time: Monday-Friday 10 hours a week during academic year or 25 hours a week during summer recess. Times may vary due to service projects, field trips, summer camp, and additional tutoring and mentoring activities.

Minimum Qualifications: Candidates must: (1) have passion for serving to improve the academic and social skills of economically disadvantaged K-12 students, (2) possess excellent communication (writing and computer) skills, (3) be skilled in effectively communicating with K-12 school administrators, students, student caregivers, SR1 staff, AmeriCorps members, and community members, (4) ability to attend required trainings and participate in required service days, and (5) have obtained or be working toward a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

Knowledge/Skills/Abilities (KSAs):

- Knowledge of positive role model characteristics
- Knowledge of community service
- Skills to maintain professionalism
- Skills to multi-task and manage time
- Skills to serve within a team structure and independently complete necessary tasks without major supervision
- Skills to prioritize student tutoring and mentoring needs
- Ability to be flexible and adapt to changing environments
- Ability to organize, accurately document, and keep student/programmatic files updated
- Ability to organize, develop and/or implement student tutoring and mentoring activities
- Ability to interact effectively with diverse and low-income audiences
- Ability to communicate effectively orally, in writing, and electronically

Tutoring/Mentoring Areas: SR1's COOL Education Project encourages students to apply who major in fields such as Education (Elementary, Secondary, and Post Secondary), English, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and History. However, all students with various majors can apply to serve with AmeriCorps COOL Education Project if willing to remain committed to completing the required service hours and other AmeriCorps service commitments.

Commitment Required: AmeriCorps is much more than a job-it is a service opportunity. **AmeriCorps members must have a strong desire to serve in the community and make a difference.** Full-time AmeriCorps members agree to remain committed to completing 1700 service hours; half-time AmeriCorps members agree to remain committed to completing 900 service hours; minimum-time AmeriCorps members agree to remain committed to completing 300 service hours. Each of these service terms commitments include the National Days of Service, weekly meetings, and member development trainings and meetings

Mission Statement: SR1 (Scientific Research) is a non-profit 501(c) 3 that strives to be a leader in eliminating disparities in health, education and technology. Whether disparities are a result of race, income, location, or other causes, SR1 works to be a leader in developing private and public partnerships to correct them.

The mission of the SR1 AmeriCorps Community Oriented Opportunities for Learning (COOL™) about Education program is to holistically help students and their families begin the path of career and life success through innovative tutoring and mentoring in Hinds, Madison, and Scott counties.

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This document describes the position currently available. It is not an employment contract.

SR1 reserves the right to modify service duties or descriptions at any time based on needs of students and families