



# BONNER FELLOWS PROGRAM

## CIRCLE - WASHINGTON DC

### PLACEMENT OVERVIEW

**Fellowship Position Title:** Research to Practice Fellow

**Fellowship Position Summary:** CIRCLE's Research to Practice Fellow will work to translate research and lessons learned about integrating social media with service and about youth civic engagement, creating new useful tools for Bonner Programs. This might include reflection guides, trainings, fliers, blog posts, and other fact sheets that can strengthen Bonner's integration with nationally recognized trends and research. Under the guidance of a lead CIRCLE researcher, the Fellow will create new ways to integrate the best practices for youth civic engagement, including topics like political participation, voting and public education. This is an ideal position for someone interested in curriculum and program development, as well as the national civic engagement field.

**Specific Position Activities:**

- 1) Translate lessons and findings from Bonner's experimentation with social media (Serve 2.0) into new resource material, online strategies, and tools for Bonner Programs. For example this might include by developing short trainings, reflections, blog posts, tweets, videos, content for the Bonner wiki, and Facebook posts;
- 2) Translate research about youth civic engagement (i.e., voting, factors for successful programs, advocacy, other forms of civic and political engagement) into information and tools to share with campuses in the Bonner Network and beyond. Currently, the research is in the forms of papers, handbooks, and reports and offers rich content for colleges and university use; and
- 3) Work with CIRCLE staff as needed to identify relevant information and communicate new research findings. The fellow will create fact sheets, structured reflections, and others informational materials.

**Service Site:** CIRCLE ([www.civicyouth.org](http://www.civicyouth.org))

**Service Site Location:** 6304 46th Avenue Riverdale, MD 20737

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### AGENCY DESCRIPTION

**Mission Statement:** CIRCLE (The Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement) conducts research on civic education in schools, colleges, and community settings and on young Americans' voting and political participation, service, activism, media use, and other forms of civic engagement. It is based at the Jonathan . Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service at Tufts University. CIRCLE was founded in 2001 with a generous grant from the Pew Charitable Trusts and has also been funded by Carnegie Corporation of New York, the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Ford Foundation, the Spencer Foundation, and several others. A national leader in civic education and research, Tisch College is setting a standard for higher education's role in civic engagement. Engaging students and faculty from all Tufts schools, Tisch College supports a wide range of interdisciplinary, community-based research and generates an enduring culture of active citizenship across the university.

**Organizational Goals:** Provide reliable research to various constituencies with the goal of strengthening civic and community engagement in the United States.



## DESIRED CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

### All Bonner Fellows

Bonner Fellows will represent some of the most standout students across the Bonner Network, ideally rising juniors and seniors with previous summer internship experience and interested in building their professional network, who demonstrate:

- commitment to the Bonner Program model and its core values (i.e. the Common Commitments);
- passion for social justice, service, and civic engagement;
- excellent organization, written and oral communication, and analytical skills;
- ability to work autonomously and in team settings;
- readiness for a capstone-level project;
- effective time management skills; and
- a motivated, focused, reliable self-starter.

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### CIRCLE: Research to Practice Fellow

#### REQUIRED SKILLS

Familiarity, ease and openness to experimenting with many social media platforms (comfortable using Facebook, Twitter and the Wiki); Ability to work independently and in flexible office settings; Interest in research, including reading and digesting information; Strong communication skills in writing and other forms.

#### PREFERRED EXPERIENCES

Familiarity with creating videos (i.e. Bonner Video Project or other initiatives) and instructional technologies; Experience in leading trainings and/or reflections; Experience working with video or other technologies; Worked in a program management role (i.e. Bonner Intern or Site Coordinator); Ability to be creative (i.e. fliers or plan an on-line event).

## ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR THIS POSITION

**AmeriCorps (YES):** This position is eligible for AmeriCorps.

**Funding:** Check with your Bonner Director and Coordinator to determine if you have any Bonner Scholar or Leader funds that could be used to assist your living costs for this summer. We recommend that all applicants aim to secure \$3500 in funding for the summer in order to live comfortably. You may need to raise some or all of these funds on your own.

**Housing:** You will need to relocate to Washington DC. Fellows are expected to secure and manage their own housing for the duration of the term.

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