



BONNER FELLOWS PROGRAM

NATIONAL COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS - WASHINGTON DC

PLACEMENT OVERVIEW

Fellowship Position Title: Homeless Advocacy Fellow

Fellowship Position Summary: The Homeless Advocacy Fellow will work in the national headquarters with a team of other interns, engaging in individual and collective research and data collection to advocate for the homeless. By tracking homeless data across the country and at varying levels, Fellows will be expected to produce reports, summaries, and articles on particular homelessness trends, homeless populations, or model programs for homelessness eradication. These reports will be used by the organization for its own program development, but are often published in major news media and consulted by a wide range of organizations, governments, and service providers.

Specific Position Activities:

- 1) conduct factual research, including work on at least one major project in connection with a legislation or community organizing initiative (in some cases, fellows can design their own project);
- 2) write summaries of model programs;
- 4) contribute articles to the monthly newsletter, social media, and website;
- 5) respond to requests for information, answer inquiries with staff guidance, send out customized information packages; and
- 6) track local/state/federal legislation related to homelessness and poverty.

Service Site: National Coalition for the Homeless (www.nationalhomeless.org)

Service Site Location: 2201 P St., NW; Washington, DC 20037

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AGENCY DESCRIPTION

Mission Statement: The National Coalition for the Homeless, founded in 1982, is a national network of people who are currently experiencing homelessness or who were once homeless, activists and advocates, community and faith-based service providers, and others committed to a single mission. That mission, our common bond, is to end homelessness. We are committed to creating the systemic and attitudinal changes necessary to prevent and end homelessness. At the same time, we work to meet the immediate needs of people who are currently experiencing or who are at risk of doing so. We take as our first principle of practice that people who are currently experiencing homelessness or who were once homeless must be actively involved in all levels of our advocacy work.

Organizational Goals: The National Coalition for the Homeless remains a substantive voice in the federal legislative process for people who are experiencing homelessness. In our policy advocacy, we work diligently to ensure that mainstream resources and opportunities are available to families and individuals who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. To end homelessness in the U.S., we use the following strategies to accomplish our mission: lobbying, policy analysis, litigation, public education, community organizing, research and technical assistance.



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.

National Coalition for the Homeless: Homeless Advocacy Fellow

REQUIRED SKILLS

Superior research and written communication skills; Working in a diverse setting with all kinds of people

PREFERRED EXPERIENCES

Direct service with homeless/low-income populations; Experience in writing high-level research papers

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR THIS POSITION

AmeriCorps (YES): This position is approvable 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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