Invitation to Participate in the CSL Pathways Program

Intro
CSL has partnered with the Arts Work Experience (AWE) staff and redesigned our Pathways program to better sustain the paid, summer time, not-for-profit internship into the future. With new resources from the Faculty of Arts and CSL donors, we are inviting you to consider a co-investment with us in the future of a CSL-experienced undergraduate student.

Background
The Pathways Program enables UAlberta CSL students to experience and reflect on a rich and varied set of experiences within community organizations.

Through Pathways, students participate in multiple ‘communities of practice’ inside and outside community organization(s). Students will move through: initial experiences in community-engaged learning in courses; in-depth experiences in governance and community-based projects with not-for-profit boards; to a paid summer internship. Students will gain experience in the following roles in various not-for-profit community organizations: volunteer, board intern and employee. All Pathways experiences include critical reflection and analysis, adding value to not-for-profit organizations across direct service delivery, advocacy, governance and communications.

After being accepted by CSL into Pathways, students will have access to internship postings as provided by the Community Organization. The Community Organization will receive applications and interview students, alongside CSL and/or Arts Work Experience staff.

Purpose
To provide a CSL student an experience of professional work within the not-for-profit sector.

Funding
50% of the student wage will be paid by the CSL program (with support from the Faculty of Arts and CSL Donors) = $4,331.60
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($17.68/hour x 35 hours x 14 weeks)

Duration
14 weeks between May and August of 2018. Start date to be mutually agreed upon.

Benefits
• A great opportunity to hire knowledgeable and energetic students who have hands-on experience in the non-profit sector
• Introduce future graduates to your organizational mission and build for the future
• Play an essential role in the professional development of a student as they transition to the world of work in the non-profit sector and/or as engaged citizens
Resume, Interviews, and Candidate Selection
CSL and/or Arts Work Experience can collect candidate resumes on your behalf and send them to you once your position has closed. When you have selected your shortlist, CSL and/or Arts Work Experience staff can assist you with coordination of your interviews and scheduling candidates.

Work Activities
The Community Organization will develop a work plan, orient the student and oversee their work. The major activities and/or areas of work will be determined by the organization in advance of the placement, and shared with CSL/Arts Work Experience (Jill Flaman) and the student.

During Work Term
• **Learning objectives**: During the first few weeks of employment, your student intern will be required to set learning objectives for their work term. We encourage you to work together to establish mutually agreeable and challenging goals.
• **Site visits and evaluation**: About 1-2 months into a work term, CSL will schedule a site visit with you and the student in order to discuss the student’s learning, progress, performance, and experience thus far. Our goal is to make sure the work term is a mutually beneficial experience for your student and you.

Ending Work Terms
Throughout the term your student will be required to submit several blog posts and assignments, which are designed to help students reflect on their learning and develop their professional network. Although they are not required to do so, students may elect to discuss and share some of these materials and activities with their on-site supervisor/mentor.

A few weeks before the work term ends, we will ask employers and students to complete and discuss an end of term evaluation.

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