Big Ten Voting Challenge Intern

UW-Madison has joined the other Big Ten institutions in a new competition to promote civic engagement: the Big Ten Voting Challenge. The Big Ten Voting Challenge will help to mobilize registration and turnout efforts at all 14 Big Ten universities. The challenge began September 17, 2017 and runs through election day, November 6, 2018. As part of this effort, the Morgridge Center for Public Service is hiring an intern to develop voter engagement programs and initiatives in advance of the fall semester. One of the most important values we teach at our universities is the importance of civic engagement. Voting in elections gives students a voice in the democratic process and in the decisions that affect local, state, and national issues. The Big Ten Voting Challenge is a nonpartisan initiative to encourage students to exercise their right to vote, which is among the most fundamental opportunities to be an active and engaged citizen. This intern will support the efforts of the Big Ten Voting Challenge and ensure that the plans of the Steering Committee are effectively executed.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Attend SOAR visits to the Red Gym and share information about voter registration and upcoming elections with students from 10:00 – 11:30am 4 days/week.
- Begin planning “VoteFest” event series to raise visibility, register voters, and educate students about the November election for the week of October 22.
- Ensure voter registration, voter education, and Get Out the Vote (GOTV) efforts are a well-organized, visible, and institutionalized part of campus life.
- Explore campus collaboration opportunities with students, clubs, and organizations around voting and social justice issues.
- Attend regular trainings and learning opportunities with the City Clerk and other related units.
- Develop, improve, and employ existing leadership skills, including communication and public relations, community organizing and outreach, and strategic campaign planning.
- Communicate regularly with supervisor to provide updates on events, activities, and overall progress.
- Support Big Ten Voting Challenge Steering Committee.

Qualifications:

- Strong interpersonal communications skills and comfort speaking in front of groups.
- Ability to work in teams to move ideas into action.
- Ability to work independently.
- Ability to promote trust across a wide variety of student groups, honoring cultural context.
- Experience planning and leading events.
- Capacity to devote five-ten hours/week to the position.
- Ideal candidates are active in the campus community.
- Demonstrated interest in civic engagement, registration, and voting.
- A sense of initiative and the ability to collaborate.
- Familiarity with voting laws in Wisconsin and willingness to continue learning.
- Preferred qualification: communications marketing/skills including knowledge of Adobe design suite, ability to create flyers, posters, conduct social media and write press releases.

**Hours & Compensation:**

The intern works 5-10 hours/week on a self-made schedule during Morgridge Center business hours (8:30am – 5:00pm). This person must be in Madison, Wisconsin for the summer and potentially for the first part of the fall 2018 semester through election day. Vacation available upon request. Interns receive $10.00/hour.

**Application:**

To apply for this position please fill out this [application form](#) which includes a place to upload your current resume. The application deadline is June 24, 2018.

**Additional Information:**

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