

SJSU SOCIAL IMPACT INTERNSHIP, AY 2015-2016

15 hours a week, \$16-19 an hour

The Social Impact Internship Program will engage eight to ten SJSU students in a year-long internship where students will develop and implement their own social action projects in Santa Clara County. (See attached flier for more information.)

The SJSU Social Impact Internship Program is particularly interested in projects that address areas of concern that the County has identified (such as poverty, inequality, jobs, a living wage, education, housing, health care, food security, or immigrant rights. (See attached document of complete listing of County goals.)

The eight to ten student interns are expected to complete 15 hours a week in the internship, and will be compensated at \$16-19 an hour. This internship is open to undergraduate and graduate students from all majors, as well as full-time and part-time students. Starting date is late-September, 2015 and the internship will go until the end of May, 2015.

Applications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- the project has been thought out and contains a detailed plan of action;
- the project will have a meaningful impact on the residents Santa Clara County;
- the project is feasible in a one-year time frame;
- the project offers something new or supports existing efforts; it does not replicate existing County programs;
- the student has the skill set to complete the project;

To apply, email to smlipton@sjsu.edu:

1. a 2-4 page letter explaining your social impact project, which could be in the idea phase, start-up phase, or in mid-stream. Your letter should include: a description and goals of the project; possible allies to work with; an evaluation of the chances for success, as well as a discussion of your previous social action work.
2. a letter of recommendation from a faculty or staff member, or other qualified person who knows the quality of your work
3. college transcripts (a copy is acceptable)
4. Social Security number or Tax ID number

If you prefer, you can mail the above information to Dr. Scott Myers-Lipton, Department of Sociology and Interdisciplinary Social Sciences (SISS), One Washington Square, SJSU, San Jose, 95192-0122 or put it under the office door of Dudley Moorehead Hall (DMH) 210. Deadline for the application is Friday, September 18th, 2015 at 5 pm.

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors funds the SJSU Social Impact Internship Program. In late September, a list of qualified applicants will be sent to the Board of Supervisors, and upon review, selections will be made. Students will be notified by late September or early October if they have been selected to be a Social Impact Intern, and will start immediately.