



Qualitative Research Intern – Youth Arts Initiative Afterschool Project

About the Organization

Research for Action (RFA) seeks to use research as the basis for the improvement of educational opportunities and outcomes for traditionally underserved students. Our work is designed to strengthen public schools and postsecondary institutions; provide research-based recommendations to policymakers, practitioners and the public at the local, state and national levels; and enrich the civic and community dialogue about public education.

Project Description

The Wallace Youth Arts Initiative (YAI) brings Professional Practicing Teaching Artists into Boys and Girls Clubs to provide high quality arts instruction to youth in afterschool programs. The initiative is currently in place in eight cities across the country. RFA is the external evaluator, using qualitative and quantitative analysis to understand the impact of the initiative and provide formative feedback.

Intern Role

RFA is currently seeking a Qualitative Research Intern to assist with the development of qualitative analytic memos summarizing themes across the five YAI sites, based on interview and focus group data from Spring 2020 observations.

Intern Tasks

The main tasks include but are not limited to:

- Coding (estimated 20% of time)
- Drafting analytic memos (estimated 80% of time)
- Other research tasks, as requested

Skill Sets and Experience

Prior experience with qualitative data collection and analysis would be helpful; strong writing skills

Hours Per Week: 10 to 20 hours per week. Not to exceed 20 hours.

Other Information

- For this position, interns not receiving work-study will be paid \$8.00/hr.
- Only complete applications including Resume & Cover Letter will be taken into consideration when hiring for this internship.
- Must be actively enrolled in an accredited college or university, as a sophomore, junior, senior or graduate student in good standing.
- Summer internships run from May-September.

- Exact start and end dates are based on the needs of the project and the availability of the intern.
- Applications will be considered on a rolling basis until all positions have been filled.
- Research for Action qualifies for work-study and PHEAA. Interns may also be eligible for course credit.
- If hired, a Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification, must be completed at the start of employment (reference page 3 of the I-9 Form for acceptable forms of ID).
(<https://www.uscis.gov/system/files/force/files/form/i-9-paper-version.pdf>)

Research for Action is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer that is committed to building a culturally diverse staff. We strongly encourage applications from candidates of all backgrounds.