

INTERNSHIP POSITION DESCRIPTION

Internship Title: *Research Intern, Center for School Change*

Name of Organization and Location: *Center for School Change, c/o HGA, 1381 Marshall, St. Paul, Mn. 55104*

Primary work of your organization: *For more than 25 years, CSC has worked to reduce achievement gaps and increase overall high school and higher education graduation rates via research, advocacy and work with students, educators, families and state legislators. We have received national recognition for success in a number of our projects.*

Possible Intern Projects or Tasks/Duties:

*Do you want to work on projects that will result in significant public visibility? Do you want to help inform local and state policy-makers on research based strategies to reduce increase high school and college graduation rates for **students from low** income families? Do you want to receive co-authorship for studies that you help write? If yes, Please see opportunities below*

1. Update and replicate a study that CSC did, with a Mac intern in July-August 2015 This found that 99% of Mn district & charter websites were not providing legally required “up to date” information on Post-Secondary Enrollment Options – which allows Mn 10th-12th grade high school students to take free courses on college campuses. Minnesota Dept of Education responded by asking all districts & charters to do what our report recommended. <http://hometownsource.com/2015/08/19/joe-nathan-column-mde-urges-districts-charters-to-follow-law-on-pseo>
The intern will be included, as a previous Macalester intern was, among the authors of the new study.
<http://hometownsource.com/2015/08/13/joe-nathan-column-pseo-information-lacking-on-many-district-charter-school-websites/>
2. Compiling the latest data on demographics of Minnesota district & charter schools. A number of Macalester students have helped keep this study up to date. Many journalists, educators and families use this data.

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<http://centerforschoolchange.org/minnesota-charter-school-resources/demographics/>

3. Research Best practices to for high school & college graduation of students from low – income families. Help research and write a study examining “best practices” in district and charter high schools where a high percentage of low income and students of color not only enter but also graduate from some form of higher education. We will do a literature review, visit some schools and make recommendations for state policy.

Duration of Internship: (January only, January/Spring, or Spring only)

We would welcome any of the three options – January only, January/Spring, or Spring only.

Approximate Hours Per Week: *For project # 1 (January only), 10-30 hours per week. For the only projects, perhaps 5-10 hours per week, or more, if the student is able to work this out.*

Expected Qualifications: *Willing to work hard, enjoy research, enjoy analyzing computer based data, help shape research, be able to meet deadlines.*

Paid or Unpaid? *Unpaid although we are open to providing a bus pass*

Contact Name, Email, Phone:

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Application Process: (how do students apply?)

Please contact Joe Nathan, PhD, joe@centerforschoolchange.org

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