



EAST SIDE FREEDOM LIBRARY

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St. Paul, MN 55106
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Internship Description

The East Side Freedom Library's Housing Justice Program is seeking interns for our housing justice work with religious institutions. We started our Housing Justice Program in 2020 with a mission to work towards housing justice for the community of the East Side of Saint Paul. The East Side is an area of Saint Paul with a rich history, and a wide diversity of people. We are a relatively new organization, with a small team. Working here is an exciting opportunity as our organization continues to grow and take on new challenges and projects. We are at the intersection of a lot of engaging work, and take a unique justice oriented highly collaborative approach within our organization

The religious institutions organizing interns will primarily focus on the work the housing justice team has been doing to organize churches and mosques on the East Side. There are dozens of religious institutions on the East Side, but few meet with one another, and although they often work towards similar goals, they seldom work together. As a strategy for organizing for justice in our community, the housing justice team has been trying to pull these religious institutions together to create a unified plan and inspire a culture of collaboration.

Internship Duties

This position within ESFL's Housing Justice internship program will involve a combination of research, strategic development, planning and community organizing specifically around religious organizations and institutions. We'll also do some professional development centered around networking and leadership skills, grant writing, as well as an introduction to working in a community-based nonprofit. Upon completion of the internship, our interns will have had the opportunity to gain experience in:

- Community organizing/community outreach
- Cross-sector collaborative approaches for project completion
- Planning and hosting events
- Establishing a network

- Writing grant proposals
- Learning how a nonprofit organization runs

Ideal interns

- Interested in social justice work
- Committed to equity
- Passionate about learning
- Can communicate effectively
- Are adaptable to changing circumstances

Credit and COVID-19 Precautions

Interns with the Housing Justice program typically receive credit for the work they do with our team. If interns are not seeking credit through a class, we will work with their colleges and universities to ensure students receive credit.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the East Side Freedom Library is offering internships that are primarily remote with limited or no in person work. Weather permitting, we occasionally do work outdoors. We are flexible, and can accommodate individual student desires as it pertains to the balance of remote and in person. Vaccinations and boosters are mandatory for any student wishing to work in person.

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