Internship: The Michael G. Santos Foundation

Agency Description:
The Michael G. Santos Foundation (MGSF) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. MGSF strives to alleviate ancillary consequences of our nation’s commitment to mass incarceration. We contribute in the following ways:

1. We create programs to teach those going into prison, those going through prison, and those who’ve been released from prison. Our programs teach soft skills that open opportunities for participants to transition into law-abiding, sustainable lives as contributing citizens.
2. We build bridges to the business community that help the formerly incarcerated obtain employment.
3. We use social media, podcasts, videos, and public lectures to help more people understand how our nation’s prison system operates, the people it holds, and strategies citizens can consider to improve outcomes.

Earning Freedom:
Earning Freedom is a podcast that the MGSF sponsors and it is freely available on iTunes. Through this podcast, we create freely available content. Our content helps people understand our nation’s prison system, the people who have or will experience it. We also feature business and community leaders who offer guidance on what those with a prison record can do to transition into the labor market.

Internship Description:
Students who work as interns with Earning Freedom will learn more about the prison system and the people who’ve experienced it. They will complete tasks that include:

- Research nonprofits and community centers where we can find formerly incarcerated people who can help us understand their experiences with the prison system.
- Schedule formerly incarcerated people and community leaders to participate on podcast.
- Write show notes that describe each episode.
- Publish show notes on social media sites that link back to the episode.
- Publish on social media to spread more awareness of the Earning Freedom podcast.
- Use social media to attract prison administrators.
- Connect with prison administrators.
- Show value of Earning Freedom as a resource to teach people in custody how to prepare for law-abiding, contributing lives upon release.
- Create weekly newsletter describing what we’ve learned from week’s interviews with formerly incarcerated people.

Responsibilities and Expectations:
Interns must work 10 hours each week under the direction of our intern coordinator. They may work from any location where they have a computer and Internet connection. We can accommodate as many as 10 interns and we will track their progress through cloud-based Google documents.
Qualifications:

- Interns must have access to a computer, the Internet, and a telephone.
- Interns must have access to Skype—a free Internet service.
- Interns should consider themselves good communicators in English, proficient with writing.
- Interns should be able to write coherent narratives of between 200 and 400 words.
- Interns should have an interest in learning more about America’s prison system and people who experience it.
- Interns should have some experience with social media—Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn.
- Interns should have some experience using Google and Internet research tools.

Compensation:

This is an unpaid internship. Those who apply will receive the benefit of learning more about America’s prison system from people who’ve experienced it. They also derive satisfaction from working to improve outcomes for those who experience the criminal justice system. They will enhance their resumes through their work on this project.

UWT Preferred

We welcome any intern who wants to work toward improving awareness and outcomes of our nation’s prison and criminal justice system. We will not disqualify anyone who has the qualifications listed above. However, special consideration will be given to those students who are completing a major in Criminal Justice at UWT.

It is preferred by the UWT Criminal Justice Program that the student intern commits to taking the internship course during Spring Quarter for 5 credit hours.

Criminal justice Internship Course

The Criminal Justice Internship course (T CRIM 498) is aimed at providing students with an opportunity to learn through experience while receiving academic credit. The course is restricted to students who are Criminal Justice majors.

How to Apply:

- Interested students should initially contact Tarna Derby-Mccurtain, Lecturer, Social Work Department Criminal Justice Program Email: derbyt@uw.edu
- A cover letter and resume are required
- Those who meet the requirements receive a referral to the Michel Santos Foundation