Summer Internship at TimeBanks USA

Job Description

TimeBanks USA, is a non-profit based in Washington D.C. It was formed by Dr. Edgar S. Cahn to expand the knowledge and field of timebanking and its impact on individuals, youth, families, communities, the environment, and the world. TimeBanks USA is looking for summer interns for 2016 that would spend around 8 weeks working with the organization (dates are flexible).

What is Timebanking?

Timebankers exchange services instead of money. One hour is always equal to one hour, so everyone’s time is valued equally. You can earn one time credit by doing something for a neighbor, and then use your time credit by receiving something in return from someone else. For example, an hour of gardening is equal to an hour of childcare, which is also equal to spending an hour driving a neighbor to the airport. The possibilities are endless. Timebanking can include multiple types of exchanges, including one-to-one time transactions or bigger exchanges involving groups of people or organizations.

Nature and scope of internship

An internship at TimeBanks USA will put you right in the excitement of Washington D.C. and expose you to a wide range of individuals passionate about systems change and community development. The internship can be catered to your interests and could include independent research projects, attending D.C. council hearings, blog writing, social media management, software development, community organizing and grant proposal writing. It will not just be an office job with typical intern tasks, and you will be given a lot of freedom to decide upon which projects are best for both your learning experience and the advancement of the organization. You can really make a difference at TimeBanks USA during your summer internship.

Students with a passion for political science, systems change, and community development, as well as a desire to work out in the field instead of in an office all summer would enjoy this internship experience.

Helpful skills and abilities

1. Flexible and willing to take on new tasks as they arise
2. Imaginative and creative – have to able to dream up your own ideas and projects
3. Cooperative and confident – working in a small non-profit environment will require you to work alone and also alongside others that may be very different from yourself
4. A passion for helping people and changing systems that are in place but no longer function for the good of society
5. Strong research and writing skills, and a good knowledge of how to use social media outlets