



Campus Compact for Southern New England AmeriCorps VISTA 2017-2018 Job Description

What is Campus Compact for Southern New England?

Campus Compact for Southern New England (CCSNE) is a coalition of colleges and universities across Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island committed to advancing the public purposes of higher education by deepening our ability to improve community life and to educate students for civic and social responsibility. CCSNE envisions colleges and universities as vital agents and architects of a diverse democracy, committed to educating students for responsible citizenship in ways that both deepen their education and improve the quality of community life. We challenge higher education to make civic and community engagement an institutional priority.

What Is AmeriCorps VISTA?

AmeriCorps VISTA is a national service program in which volunteers live in the communities they serve and build capacity for programs that will continue after they complete their service. Part of the AmeriCorps national network of service programs, AmeriCorps VISTA has been meeting the needs of underserved communities since 1965. Over the years, more than 100,000 committed individuals have joined forces with 12,000 local sponsors—public agencies and nonprofit groups—to strengthen communities across the nation. To learn more, visit americorps.gov.

What is CCSNE AmeriCorps VISTA?

CCSNE AmeriCorps VISTA is a corps of 70 dedicated national service hosted by 2 and 4-year public and private institutions of higher education throughout Southern New England to leverage university resources to improve educational outcomes for youth and students who live in poverty or who attend under-resourced schools.

CCSNE VISTAs are integrated into the staff of their respective host campuses and/or community partner organizations to build capacity for improved education outcomes in three areas: School Readiness; K-12 Success; and Post-Secondary Access and Success. CCSNE VISTA members develop new programs, improve and expand existing ones, and strive to recruit, train and support college student volunteers to engage with youth in intentional and impactful ways across the region. Our host sites include public and private colleges, universities and community colleges, along with K-12 schools and youth serving organizations. Our Corps of 70 CCSNE AmeriCorps VISTA members form a strong network and convene regularly to further their personal and professional development goals throughout their year of service.

Typical Duties and Responsibilities:

- Serve as a liaison between campus and community
- Identify community partner assets and needs
- Creating or enhancing programs
- Creating or improving outreach
- Marketing and communication
- Volunteer recruitment and support (primarily of college students)
- Creating and implementing training curriculum
- Data collection and evaluation
- Developing strategies for sustainability
- Resource development and grant writing

Qualifications:

- 2- or 4-year college degree
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Experience with college-level community service, service-learning, civic engagement, student leadership, STEM, and campus-community partnership work
- Ability to adapt to different work environments
- Interest or experience in PK-20 education
- Desire for professional development through cohort-based program model
- High degree of integrity and professionalism
- Strong relationship-building skills
- Positive attitude and dedication to collaboration with diverse groups
- Strong organizational skills

Program Benefits:

- Segal AmeriCorps Education Award (\$5,815) or postservice stipend (\$1,500) upon successful completion of the program
- Modest living allowance (indexed by cost of living in service location)
- Healthcare benefits
- Access to monthly professional development
- One year of noncompetitive eligibility for federal government jobs
- Student loan forbearance or deferment
- Access to national and state Campus Compact network opportunities
- Childcare assistance

How to Apply

- Complete the AmeriCorps application on www.americorps.gov and submit it to the “Campus Compact Southern New England AmeriCorps VISTA” program listing.
- Email a resume, cover letter and contact information for 2 references to: ccsnevista@compact.org.

Please answer in your cover letter:

Why do you want to serve with the CCSNE VISTA program?

Why do you believe you are best suited for our program?