Organization Name: The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change ("The King Center")

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Organization’s Mission Statement:
Established in 1968 by Coretta Scott King, The King Center is the official, living memorial dedicated to advancing the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., leader of America’s greatest nonviolent movement for justice, equality and peace. We strive to educate the world on Dr. King’s life, legacy and teachings, inspire new generations to further his work, and strengthen causes and changemakers who are continuing his efforts today.

Summary of organization’s primary programs and services:
Employing a combination of on-site activities, online resources and strategic partnerships, the King Center works to (1) educate the public about the modern relevancy of Dr. King’s life, legacy and teachings; (2) foster the next generation of leaders through nonviolent youth development; and (3) support collaborative initiatives around the world that address issues of poverty, violence and injustice today.

The King Center’s programmatic focus has been reinvigorated in the past year due to a change in organizational leadership, so most of our programs are currently in a nascent state; however, under our new president and CEO, Martin Luther King, III, the King Center is currently developing the following efforts: an education and training curriculum on “Kingian” values
for use on-site, online and in schools; a pair of youth development programs – King Corps and Future Kings – that seek to build the next generation of nonviolent leaders; and a lecture, dialogue and film series that aims to encourage discussion and action on the critical issues of our time. Our basic goal is to enliven the Center as an engaging resource for the Atlanta community, while also helping to further Dr. King’s work through education, leadership development and partnerships.

**Intern’s title:** Community Affairs Intern

**Number of interns requested by this organization?** 1

**Internship project/job description:**
As part of a team focused on transforming the King Center into an open, vibrant resource for the surrounding community, the Community Affairs Intern will help to develop and implement three new programs currently in their initial stages: King Talks – an eclectic lecture and dialogue series meant to bring the King legacy into the 21st century; Screen the Dream – an on-site film series focused on critical issues of contemporary concern; and Cultural Affairs – a diverse collection of activities like traveling exhibits, art shows and live performances.

The Community Affairs Intern will work in the King Center’s programs department and will play a vital role in helping bring these projects to fruition. Primary job functions will include assisting a designated program coordinator with planning and logistics for our “Summer Series” of events; identifying new opportunities for future activities through research and networking; fostering new relationships with local organizations and stakeholders; liaising with partner entities to secure their collaboration on relevant events; and helping generate interest and attendance through online marketing and local outreach.

The chosen candidate will work in a team environment of a director of programs, two program coordinators, three AmeriCorps members and 3-4 additional interns and will be provided a healthy amount of freedom and ownership over his/her assigned projects. Intern responsibilities will be heavily substantive and meaningful to both the organization and the intern’s professional development, with administrative responsibilities kept to an absolute minimum.
**Qualifications:**
Excellent verbal communication skills; basic working knowledge of Atlanta community; desire to engage and network with diverse constituencies; ability to work productively in a team environment, think creatively and overcome unexpected challenges. Tangible experience in community outreach, project coordination and/or event planning highly desirable. Applicants should have at least some experience working, interning or volunteering in the nonprofit sector and would preferably be enrolled in a relevant educational discipline, such as social sciences, arts or nonprofit management.

Although the King Center is somewhat flexible on scheduling, the ideal intern would work in our office Monday-Thursday, 10 am – 4 pm.

**Other requirements:**
Candidates able to supply their own laptop are highly preferred.

**Will the internship require that the student have a car?** Not required, but desirable

**Is placement site accessible by public transit or other transportation options?**
Yes