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:** Educational Activities Intern

**Internship project/job description:**
As part of a team focused on transforming the King Center into a sustainable and impactful nonprofit, the Educational Activities Intern will be responsible for helping the Center develop a new slate of educational programming, with emphasis on activities taking place on-site and with the local Atlanta community. Examples include scheduled learning workshops with field trips and youth groups; periodic on-site events like performances or guest speakers; or special initiatives in the community, such as an artistic project with local children or a “letters to Dr. King” project involving schools statewide. In addition to playing a leading role in conceptualizing, developing and implementing the above projects, the selected intern will play a supporting role in the King Center’s ongoing development of a broader “Kingian” curriculum for use in schools nationwide, with tasks including best practices research and school 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; 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 the development of educational activities (e.g. in a classroom or for a community organization), project coordination and/or event planning highly
desirable. Applicants should have at least some experience working, interning or volunteering in the nonprofit or education sector and would preferably be enrolled in a relevant discipline, such as education or the social sciences.

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

**If there are other requirements for this position, security check, drug screen, immunizations, please note them here:**
Candidates able to supply their own laptop are highly preferred.

**Will the internship require that the student have a car?** No

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